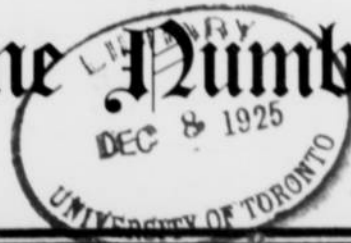


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The accompanying illustration shows Sir

George Simpson, who was governor of the Hudson Bay Company from 1821 until his death in 1860—the great Sir George, who was known as “the Emperor of the North”—travelling in what used to be called in the old days, “a flying express canoe” of the smaller size. The larger “flying express canoes,” which were used between Montreal and Fort William, were 36 feet long. Thus it was that Sir George made his rapid journeys from East to West and back. The 36-foot canoe was known as a *canot de maitre*—a master's canoe; the smaller size, such as is shown in the illustration, was used west of Fort William, and was a *canot du Nord*—a canoe of the North. The paddlemen, who changed from the large canoes to the smaller ones at Fort William, when they were coming to the West, numbered fourteen, and sometimes sixteen, in a “*canot de maitre*”; half of the number were French-Canadians, and the other half were Iroquois Indians from the neighborhood of the Lachine rapids on the St. Lawrence, just above Montreal. Sir George used to stimulate the rivalry there was between the two halves of his canoe crews; he always had in his canoes the most daring and skilful canoemen of the whole continent. It was acknowledged without question that the West could not produce their equals. Sir George was a man with extraordinary driving power; he used to make the journey from Montreal to Fort Garry in five weeks, by way of the St. Lawrence, the Ottawa, the Mattawan and the other streams and lakes between the Mattawan, and Lake Nipissing, across that wide lake and down the whole length of the French river to Lake Huron, and thence along the coast to Sault Ste. Marie, and from there around the northern coast of Lake Superior to Fort William. Sir George always had his secretary with him in his *canot de maitre*, and he used to work at his letters and accounts as his paddlemen sped him along. The canoes were decorated with bright colors.

Travel de luxe in the old Red River era

in keeping with the brilliant dress of the

crew. A mile or two before they arrived at any of the Company's trading posts, Sir George always allowed them to make a stop, so that they might array themselves in all their finery of feathers, ribbons and colored neckerchiefs; and then they would make a spectacular arrival, singing their paddle songs, French-Canadian chansons, as they drove their canoes along at top speed.

In such a canoe as pictured here-with, Mrs. Cowan, who is still living in Winnipeg, travelled with her husband and two young children, in 1856, the 1,200 miles from Fort Garry to Moose Factory. They travelled from Fort Garry down the Red to Lake Winnipeg, then across to the mouth of the Winnipeg River, up that river for days and days, across Lac Seul, and along eastward by lakes and streams to the height of land, then, after a long portage, 300 miles down the Albany River to salt water at Fort Albany; the last 100 miles to Moose Factory they travelled in an open sail boat on salt water—and during that part of the journey, which took four weeks in all, they saw white whales and many seals, and met Eskimos. Their heavy trunks went to York Factory to be shipped to England, in the vessel which made one trip a year, returning in the following year in the ship which made an annual trip to Moose Factory.

In the elections of 1923, Mrs. Cowan was interested in the account given by the newspapers of the journey of an airplane with a deputy-returning officer on board from Toronto to Moose Factory, and return, in order that ballots marked by the few electors in that district might be taken to the capital and counted without the delay necessitated by the long rail and water journey from that far wilderness. “How amazed the Indians would have been if an airplane had appeared over James' Bay, seventy years ago!” she said. “But no more so than my husband and I should have been, I'm sure.”—W. J. H.



Sir George Simpson travelling in state

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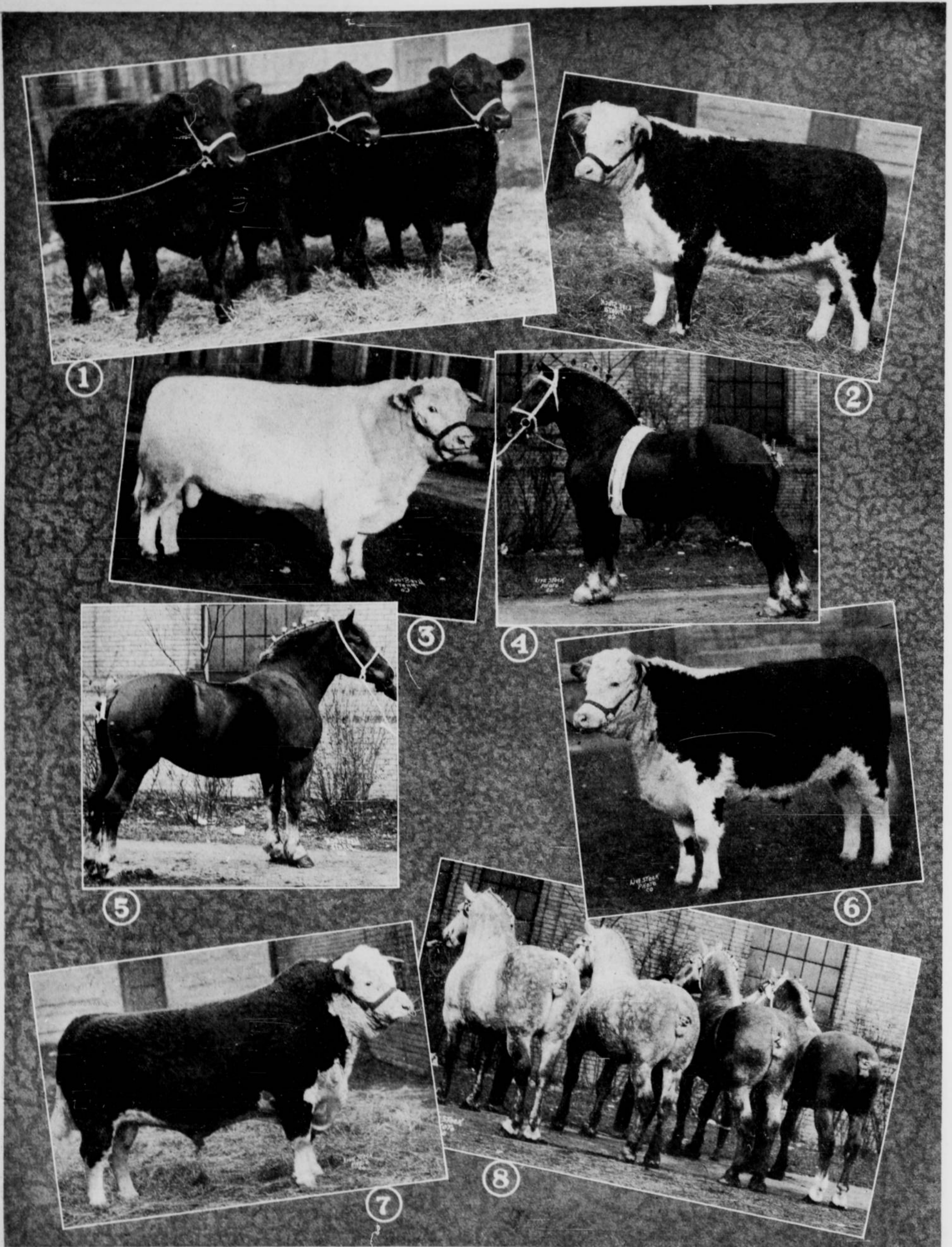
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A Christmas Triangle

A story of rivalry of two men for possession of a horse

By JOHN FRANCIS SLATER

(Author of *A Stranger Within the Gate*)

AS the mare came towards him with her coat shining golden in the sunlight, and, catching sight of him, sent a long, high call of greeting over the snowdrifts, the expression of Brock's face softened. Turning into his shack, he cut a slice of bread from the loaf on the table, and spread it thickly with sugar from his slender store.

He stepped to the door and called to her fondly, and she responded with a soft, eager note. As he went to meet her a long, shrill whistle pierced the air. The mare wheeled sharply and stood with cocked ears and uplifted head, her gaze fixed intently on Ingeman's shack.

"Here, Gertie. Here, girl!" Brock's voice shook. "Come, girl! Come!"

The whistle sounded a second time, and with a snort and a flick of her tail the mare leapt away, the snow spraying up in clouds before her flying hoofs.

"Go to him, then!" raged Brock, flinging the sugared bread far from him. "Go to him, blast you! and never come to me again."

But he knew, even as he uttered the words, that his anger was not against the mare, but against the man whose summons she had obeyed.

They might have separated amicably, these two, whose sole cause of disagreement was the unbearable monotony which caused Ingeman to seek relief in igniting the swift anger which blazed so readily in Brock's passionate nature, but that neither would agree to relinquish possession of Gertie. So the drama of the eternal triangle commenced, with the wide, white prairie as a setting, and the long, dark shadow of the Tower of Babel assuring the neutrality of the Dutch-speaking colony, whose mud-plastered shacks were scattered in the background.

Brock returned sullenly to his own sod dwelling, and commenced flinging his dishes together, preparatory to washing them. He was sitting, waiting for the kettle to boil, when the door was flung open and Steve Ingeman entered, closing it swiftly behind him.

"Br-r-r, that air has a cold nip to it!" he exclaimed.

The trait of Steve Ingeman which irritated Brock the most was his power of disregarding their differences almost as soon as they had occurred, and of greeting him at their next meeting as though Brock's ill-humor were not of sufficient consequence to have remained in his mind. It did not occur to Brock that what he regarded as Ingeman's assumption of superiority might have been a tacit waving of the olive-branch.

"Weren't you ever taught to knock before you entered a person's house?" he asked, gruffly.

Ingeman crossed the shack, and stood with his back to the stove—a broad-shouldered young giant, clad in heavy sheepskin, blue overalls, and rubber-covered moccasins, with the blue eyes and fair hair of a Nordic strain, the pleasant expression of his features slightly marred, at the moment, by a malicious smile.

"It always did make you sore to wash dishes!" he remarked, in a tone of mock sympathy. "You'll remember I always undertook that job for you. That cup will fall! I knew it! That's a piece of fine china you would have been to the good, if we hadn't split."

"There would have been more than cups broken, if we two hadn't divided!" muttered Brock. The stooping to pick up the broken pieces was only partly responsible for the red blood which suddenly darkened his forehead.

"Well, and we haven't divided properly, even yet," said Ingeman, with sudden gravity.

"No, and we ain't going to—not what you call properly—if you're alluding to the little mare!" Brock cried, fiercely.

"I'll give you one hundred and fifty for your half-share," Ingeman offered. "That's seventy-five per cent. of the amount we paid for her, and you'd be making a good bargain at that."

"And I'd add another five for your

half-share." Brock returned quickly. "That's a better bargain for you than for me."

Ingeman laughed, good naturedly. "We aren't getting much furrader, are we? You might just as well let me have her, Paul. She knows who's her boss already. See the way she came running back to my whistle, when you were calling her from the shack door!"

Paul Brock straightened from his dishes, and turned to Ingeman with a calmness that sat strangely upon his strong dark features.

"You made a mistake when you mentioned that," he said, slowly. "I did think maybe it was just an accident that you happened to whistle her when she was coming to me. Now you've admitted that you did it knowingly, let me tell you this, Steve Ingeman, you'll never be sole owner of that mare, not if you become a millionaire and both you and she live to be as old as Methuselah! And I'll thank you to keep out of this shack in future, and off this quarter, too!"

Ingeman's laugh was not as careless as he tried to make it.

"The dirty kick-out, eh, Paul?" he said. "Well, I guess striking you off my visiting list won't bother me an awful lot, and as for the little mare—I can get her any time I want her!"

He had been buttoning his sheepskin as he spoke, and the door closed behind his parting shot, but it opened again at the prompting of his freakish humor.

"Merry Christmas!" he cried, and then departed.

Brock dried the dishes with savage energy, then paused to survey the shack with gloomy eyes. Two days previously an unusually warm chinook had softened the snowdrifts, and where the snow was tramped between shack and barn shallow pools had formed. The wet snow had tramped into the shack, and mingled with the ashes from the stove to form a paste-like mess, whose greyness was relieved, for a foot or two round the edge of the floor, by the addition of the darker sod-dust which sifted down between the stiff building-paper and the walls on which it was tacked. New sections in the stove-pipe contrasted sharply with the general redness of their fellows and of the stove. In a frying-pan above the fire, the neglected remnants of a flap-jack were sending up a thin whorl of smoke. While from beneath the grey-quilted bed in the corner peeped various garmentary evidence that that space was used as a laundry bag.

It was not an inspiring scene, and Brock eyed it with distaste. The recollection of the interior of Ingeman's shack, in which he had lived throughout the summer, and the neat appearance which resulted from his partner's methodical habits, was sufficiently strong within him to make him determine not to be beaten by the man whom he imagined he hated. He flung himself into a frenzy of tidying, and in ten minutes had realized a geometrical nicety of arrangement from which its previous small semblance of comfort had fled.

It was not until then that he noticed the floor. He stood for a moment in an attitude of discouragement. Then, with a gesture of revulsion, he took his sheepskin from the bottom of the bed, and donning his cap and mitts, wrenched open the door and slammed it loudly behind him.

There was only one trail over which a man might walk with comfort—that made by the oxen between the stable and the strawstack. He followed it now, finding relief in the brisk exercise and the sharp tang of the air. Away near the skyline two ox-drawn sleighs were converging, and gay greetings called back and forth came faintly to his ears. It was Christmas Eve, of course, and happy parties would be assembling at the various houses. It all

seemed to enhance his feeling of loneliness, and with it his grievance against Ingeman. His mind ranged back over all their petty misunderstandings, magnifying each grievance, dwelling on them with the morbidness of a man who lives too much alone; coming back each time to the crowning



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injury inflicted through the sorrel mare.

"If I can't have her," he swore, whipping himself up as he strode along, "then, by heaven, he shan't have her either!"

Gertie was in the strawstack, having first driven the oxen to a respectful distance, where they stood eyeing her mildly and placidly chewing their cud. She came to nose him enquiringly, but when she discovered that he carried no offering, nor made any sign of recognition, she returned with pique to her straw.

It was then that Brock realized the condition of the stack. The first blizzard of the season had deposited a deep snowdrift up its length, which the recent chinook, followed again by cold, had partly turned to ice. Cattle and wandering bands of horses had undermined it all round until it stood like a giant mushroom, the massive and weighty ice-cupola upheld by a comparatively slender stem of compressed straw, on which it balanced so precariously that, even as Gertie dragged at a green patch with her teeth, the whole stack rocked before his eyes.

His glance travelled down the supporting pillar, pausing, fascinated by a wedge-shaped mass of straw which the swinging of the top had partially expelled. One wrench at that wedge, and the whole weight of straw and ice would come crashing down upon—upon anything that happened to be feeding in the stack. In spite of the cold air which was freezing the breath on his sheepskin collar, a hot flush swept through his veins. He looked at the mare feeding daintily in the lee of the stack—the mare that would acknowledge only Ingeman as master—and from

her again to the supporting wedge. With a great effort of the will he turned his back and commenced to retrace his footsteps.

About half-way on his return journey he came upon a cross-trail in the snow, deep holes smitten out by the hoofs of a galloping horse, leading from his own shack door to that of Ingeman. He knew it for the trail made by Gertie when she had fled from him at Ingeman's whistle. He closed his eyes as a spasm of rage shook him, and the scene with its pain and humiliation rose before his mental vision.

There was little volition in what he did then, and little of sanity. He walked slowly and firmly back to the strawstack, a figure as implacable as Fate, and with as little haste, while the setting sun sank down behind him, turning the side of the straw-stack a deep blood-red.

At the edge of the trampled straw, he faltered for the first time. The little mare was regarding him casually from a bright prominent eye, while her jaws worked with a rhythmical sound which had often kept him company when he slept beneath the wagon to which she was tied.

"Gertie!" he called, hoarsely. "Come out of that!"

But Gertie had already smelled him over and knew that he carried no food. She was also still feeling insulted by his former lack of attention. She wheeled until her back was towards him, and flicked her tail contemptuously.

Brock stepped forward with a set face, and tugged at the wedge of straw. As he felt it loosening in his hands, his own words seemed to be thundering in his brain.

"If I can't have her, then by heaven he shan't have her either!"

A final jerk and the wedge was withdrawn. Very slowly the top of the stack tilted towards him and commenced to slide. Brock turned to run. The trampled straw beneath his feet seemed full of pitfalls. He tripped on a frozen lump and almost fell. He heard a snort, as he staggered forward, and caught a second's glimpse of the mare, leaping upon him with fear-distended eyes. Then her breast caught him and flung him sideways, and even as his body touched the straw the breath was crushed from him by the falling mass of the stack.

For a moment he lay stunned, then with a struggle he wrenched his face

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Christ Still the World's Hope

The Guide's Christmas Sermon

By REV. H. D. RANNS

AS the Christmas of the year of grace, 1925, draws nigh, the world's hope is still centred in the Babe of Bethlehem. Despite the strides made in material progress and the difference in the moral tone of the world today—much of the credit for which lies at His door—mankind even in these latter days has no better hope of personal and social salvation than to pay heed to the voice of the Christ born in Bethlehem so many centuries ago. Let there be no mistake about it. Every Christmas that comes and passes is an anniversary of hope. The Christmas Child still holds out His appealing hands to the world, and the Child-grown Man beseeches the modern world to turn from its materialism and to try His works and ways. His personality and His message hold the attention of the world and challenge the allegiance and the loyalty of men as much as ever they did in the days of the past.

One of the great virtues about our religion is that it is one of timeless application. Jesus Christ is for the ages. He stands for the admonishment of all men. His birth and His life and death have significance for the world in all its centuries since His time and for all men everywhere, of every race and clime. That is what makes Him so greatly different from all others who have challenged the spiritual allegiance of men. They have appealed to men of one color or one country, but He made the claim that would stagger us beyond all thinking if it had not grown far too familiar for understanding and grasp. He made the claim that He was the Light of the World. When He wanted to tell us what His Father thought about Him and His coming among men He declared that God so loved the world that He had sent Jesus for the good of men.

In this age men and women in the churches are just beginning to try with all seriousness to discover what Jesus did really want those who took

upon themselves His name. This is one of the most promising signs of the times, but it is far too limited in its scope of influence. Not until each and every Christian and churchman searches his heart to find out the will of Jesus for himself and to be willing to do it, not until then shall we have a new world. We are far too ready to mix our religion and worldly wisdom and to sneer at those who are more simple minded. We forget very readily what Jesus was constantly saying, that our life does not consist in the abundance of things we possess. We forget that He urged that men and women had to become as little children if they were to enter His Kingdom. Even at Christmas we are apt to forget that. We despise too often the type of person we should respect, and we respect the type of man who, by all the measures of Jesus Christ, does not deserve commendation. We extol a success that can be estimated in terms of dollars and cents, and fail to appreciate one that means the higher coin of character and service.

When a preacher had recently been preaching on the glory of service as seen in the high-minded service of a teacher who realized the intimate connection between education and religion, a woman leaving the service was heard to remark, "What nonsense! Why everyone knows we are all after the dollar nowadays." Are we? Is that the moving passion of our lives? For too many that woman spoke the truth. But though she thought she did she did not speak the truth of many lives or Christ would be without followers. The man or woman who is materialistic enough to think that life is dollars would certainly secure the rebuke of that Christ who told of one He called a fool who prospered and built barns and more barns, until one day his soul was asked and he did not have one to answer the summons.

Away from this materialism to trust in Him and service for Him, Jesus calls the men and women of the world. He promises them peace, and power, and hope, and service, and truest success. He asks of them trust, and obedience and sacrifice. He asserts

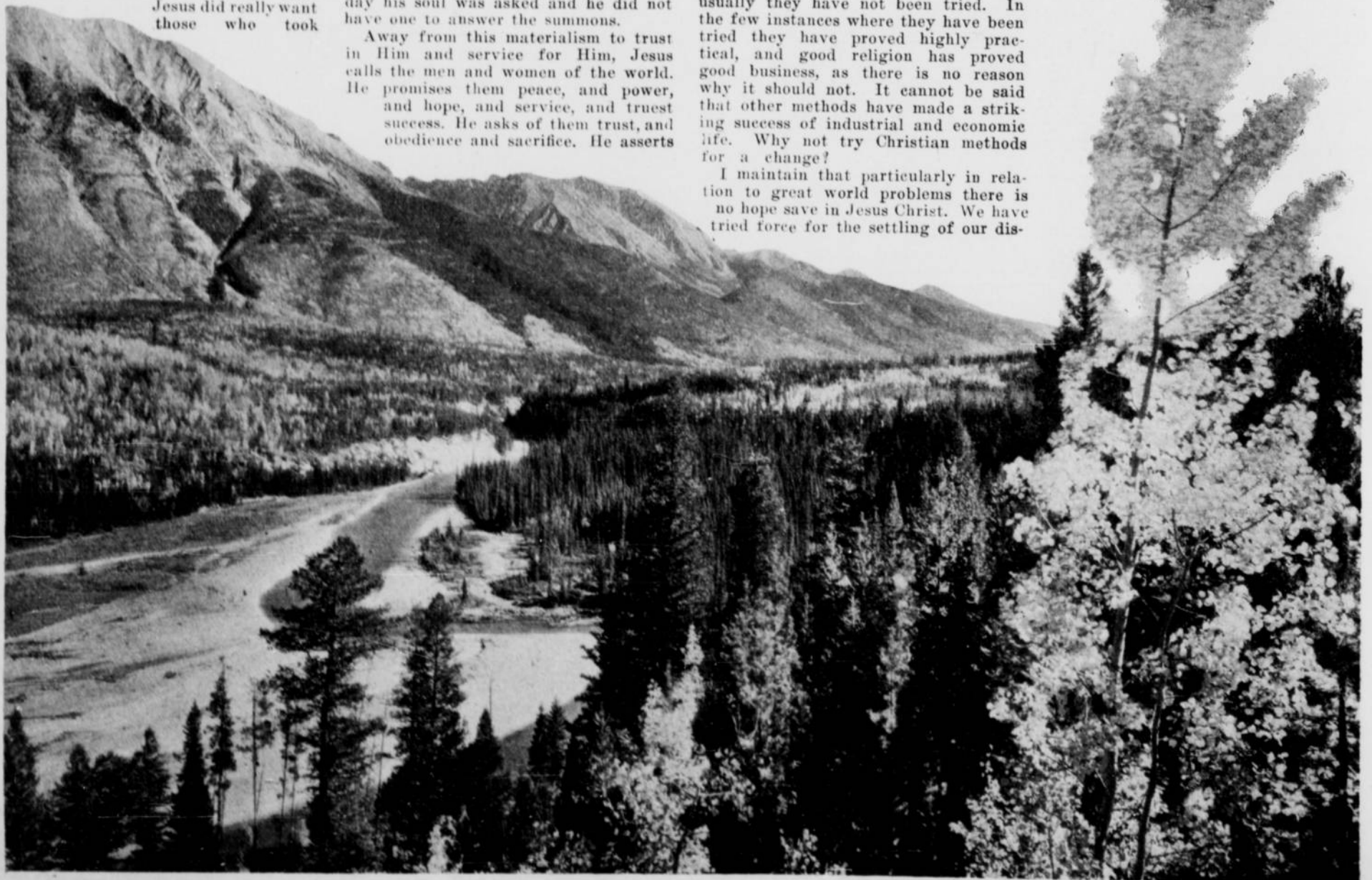
that only in Him will they find the things they most need, those intangible things that mean so much. Without Him, outside His influence, He declares they can never find completest satisfaction and blessedness. This is true for men as individuals, true for the inner life. He alone can transform it. He alone can give that new spirit, that new birth, that gracious dawning of light out of darkness, that resurrection from death unto life in spiritual things of which the Scriptures speak as so emphatically needed, and experience shows to be necessary. We cannot do without this emphasis on changed men and women. It is hopeless to expect a social order to be full of the spirit of Jesus if individual men and women lack it. Improvement starts with the soul of a man. But it does not end there as so many people seem to think. It is like throwing a stone into a pool of water. The stone strikes a centre and then it starts rings of influence that grow wider and wider until the limit is reached. Spiritual power begins in the heart of a man, it strikes the centre but it goes on increasing its circle until the whole range of mankind's activity has been encompassed in its sweep.

The Christian man or woman is an employer or is employed. The hope of the industrial world is in the greater application of the principles and spirit of Jesus to the problems of industry. One of the leaders of the industrial world of today has declared that there would be no labor problem if the community was content to be governed by the teachings of Jesus. But when each side is out simply to grab and grasp, when the principle of industrial life is too often the law of the jungle, there can be no hope of permanent peace. People say so readily that the principles of Jesus are impractical, but usually they have not been tried. In the few instances where they have been tried they have proved highly practical, and good religion has proved good business, as there is no reason why it should not. It cannot be said that other methods have made a striking success of industrial and economic life. Why not try Christian methods for a change?

I maintain that particularly in relation to great world problems there is no hope save in Jesus Christ. We have tried force for the settling of our dis-

putes, we have used to the utmost the power of tyranny to overawe and subdue those who differed from us. How much have such methods settled? How long do problems "settled" by such methods stay settled? To ask the question is to answer it. War breeds war and the victory of one war often provokes the defeat of the next. History has turned many somersaults in its time, and will again unless the world has the good sense, as well as the Christian wisdom, to find and follow the better way. When a man such as George Bernard Shaw, surely many miles removed from the average orthodox Christian, says, "I am ready to admit that after contemplating the world and human nature for nearly sixty years, I see no way out of the world's misery save the way which would have been found by Christ's will if He had undertaken the work of a modern practical statesman," when he says this, we men and women of the churches should be ready to believe in the ways of Jesus, the ways of peace and conciliation and the rights of minorities, whether they possess navies or not. If we could put the belief in Jesus and His principles into the mind of every chancellor of every Christian nation, so that he believed it was absolutely necessary to practice them, whether it brought profit or loss to his country, we should in time have a Christian world and that is what we wish.

I close this message with an illustration taken from the life of Coleridge. Somebody asked Coleridge, "Is Christianity true?" His answer was expressed in two words, "Try it!" If we wish to know how much Jesus is the hope of the world, try to live for Him ourselves and begin this Christ-mas tide to take the Christ in earnest and "try His works to do."



A view along the Vermillion River in Kootenay National Park, B.C.

Open Places

Have grim laws which only human kindness can moderate

By L. CASE RUSSELL

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INSPECTOR M'Donnall was a dour man and a God-fearing one. As he stood in the door-way, with the yellow sunshine trying vainly to soften his rugged profile, Duncan Mackenzie thought bitterly, that for all the inspector's strict adherence to the letter of the Good Book, an offender would stand small chance if he should appear in M'Donnall's district and disobey, by a fraction, the old Mosaic law as interpreted by the grim old Scotsman. "Your excuse that you stole to feed a starving man disna alter the law," he would be sure to say.

"We o' the Northwest Mounted Police hae sworn, sworn, d'ye hear, to get our man, and no excuse. Mackenzie, you're no heedn' me!"

Duncan came back to reality with a start, a chill chasing down his spine as he realized how little of the conversation he had heard. But the inspector went on in measured tones.

"So this will be your chance to make up for that whiskey-runner that got away through your negligence; as great a fault, Mackenzie, to us of the Force, as wilful aidin' and abettin'. And make sure you follow the trail until you get him, that's all." The curt signal of dismissal prevented the trooper's protest that no trail had been left to follow. Stiffly returning the salute, Duncan Mackenzie went out.

The icicle-cold air that rushed at him moderated his resentment. He paused to turn the collar of his coat closer about his throat, and for a moment he stood staring at the Christmas card landscape with its glistening mountain peaks and its foreground of firs and cedars.

While he gazed, the evergreens made a screen for the tragedy he was mentally projecting, as he pieced together the fragments he had caught from those who had been witnesses of the squalid scene.

They were all very clear in his mind, the incidents of that night when out of the darkness and into the bright lights of Montana Ed's Palace had stepped a stranger, a gaunt, bearded man, who had paused for an instant near the door, his keen eyes sweeping the place as if he feared some quick, stealthy attack.

Strangers were no novelty in Ed's place, but there had been something about this man that had drawn many glances. When his piercing eyes had rested on Montana Ed, as unmoved by the shifting fortunes dealt out by the whirling wheel as Destiny herself, those nearest to him had caught his sudden intake of breath, an electric tensi-ty in the man's half-crouching attitude.

Hunching his shoulders as if to ward off the cold that had followed his entrance, with studied nonchalance he had crossed to the curtained alcoves, and, as if he were looking for someone, had pulled back the dusty red hangings. At last he found the person he was seeking. Silently he stepped inside the alcove and stood looking down on its sole occupant.

The woman was waiting for Big Swede Olaf, whose infrequent visits to Ed's Palace meant a reckless scattering of the yellow dust for which the Swede sweated and toiled in the solitude of the hills. Olaf was long in coming and the woman was going back

over her recent battle with the sallow owner who presided over the whirling wheel in the outer room.

"Not that man, Ed," she had protested when the gambler had told her of Olaf's expected arrival. Then, when she had seen the storm gathering in his eyes, the hard, cold eyes that once had held tender lights for her, she added, bitterly, "Anyone but Olaf!"

"Who asked you to pick and choose?" The cold tones were more menacing than hot anger. As Montana Ed turned to go, there leaped to life a spark, a flash of her old spirit.

"I'm sick of all this, dead sick of it!" she cried. "Now that you've thrown me off, you might at least let me go my way, and not keep me here to attract money to your gambling tables."

Ed had whirled round in a quick fury at her unexpected rebellion. Then he had smiled, a smile that tightened the thin lips and left the yellow fangs bare.

"Sick of it, eh?" with a purring undertone. "Well, you may have a chance to go back to him. I've had a tip twice now that someone is trailing me. Perhaps it's—" She had started in craven fear, then Montana Ed's mocking laugh rekindled her smoldering courage.

"I hope he is here," she replied. "I hope he will take me back!" At the recollection of Ed's shrill cackle of derision, her faded cheeks grew hot

and her eyes burned with the sting of angry tears.

Into her miserable thoughts came the sound of rings sliding along the curtain rod. Expecting to see the flat face of Olaf, topped by its thatch of rumpled, straw-colored hair, she forced a smile and looked up. The smile froze into a ghastly caricature of mirth as she met the menacing eyes that glowed like live coals above the disfiguring beard. She stifled the cry that rushed to her lips.

For a moment the two gazed at each other, then a sneer at the corners of the man's mouth broke the tension. The flexed muscles of her hands that gripped the edge of the table relaxed, and she gaped at the man in trembling appeal.

"Buddy?" she whispered. The man took from an inner pocket a faded photograph of a little boy and turned it over so she could read the shakily-written letters on the back. Big and black they danced before her eyes: "Buddy died June 19."

Her horrified eyes were lifted in anguish to the hard face above her. At the scorn and loathing she found there she flung wide her arms and dropped her head on the table. An ominous click brought her to attention with a terrified jerk. The man was holding a cocked revolver. In response to her hoarse, "Don't! Kerry! don't!" he began to speak in low, well-modulated tones.

"Not for you, Sadie! That would be

her flesh. Measuring each word, he ground out: "You—will—do—exactly—as—I—say!" And into the nerveless fingers he thrust the revolver, clasping them into place.

"Go!" The word cracked out like the snap of a whip, and with a quick movement the man took a second revolver from his hip pocket and thrust the muzzle against the woman's side. As if under a hypnotic spell, she passed behind the red curtains.

Like the irregular pit-pat of rain-drops that foretell a coming storm, there came little breaks of silence, as one group after another caught sight of the pair standing against the red background. A couple of lumber-jacks doing a fox-trot were the first to see the levelled revolver, with the desperate eyes of the woman behind it. They were petrified into silence. The laughter was stilled, the noises, one after another, stopped with an abruptness that left the air vibrant with an expectant hush.

Montana Ed, intent on the game, suddenly felt a chill down his spine. With it came a strong desire to look toward a certain corner of the room. Obeying the impulse, his hand sought first the cold iron in his hip pocket, then, with a movement like a panther, he flung back his chair and sprang to his feet, facing the alcove.

The burning eyes of the stranger had never left the gambler from the moment of his entrance. At Ed's first move, he hissed into the woman's ear, "Shoot!" For a wavering fraction of a second the woman's finger pressed the trigger. Then, with a wild cry, Montana Ed flung his arms upward as two flashes of flame crossed one another, and the air was split with the reverberations of the two shots speaking at once. Then there was heavy silence.

Through the blue haze the dumb-founded bystanders could distinguish Montana Ed, with the smoking revolver in his hand. Slowly the gambler began to revolve, as if treading some fantastic measure, then, with a convulsive shudder he fell. The stranger strained forward to watch. Sadie had turned and groped blindly at the man behind her. Her hands clutched at his arm, slid to his coat; then, swerving toward him, she slowly crumpled down at his feet, with the single word, "Buddy," as her breath left her body.

With a jerk the stranger came to life. The tension snapped. There was a confusion of yells, and the first to recover made a dash toward him. The revolver fired into the air halted the leaders, and the stranger leaped back into the curtained room, through the alcove window and into the night!

CHAPTER II

Of course there had been a search after the aimless milling around had ceased, but not the faintest clue had been found. It had been a spectacular play while it lasted and Duncan Mackenzie had received any number of accounts of it from eyewitnesses, but nothing that had served him for a lead on which to start out again.

The tragedy at Montana Ed's had broken into the merrymaking attendant on Duncan's wedding to pretty Jeanie. It had snatched him from his bride's arms, to send him first to Ed's deserted Palace, where he had carefully searched for some possibly overlooked clue, then out into the below-zero world to scour the trackless woods and clearings. He had stopped at every cabin to ask if a stranger had passed that way. In the early dawn he had returned to report his temporary failure, only to meet the inspector's reproof and an order to start out again immediately.

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"Suddenly the door opened and there stood a gaunt, unsmiling man, with a small bundle in his arms."

too easy. But Montana Ed must pay, and it seems no more than justice for you to do it. He has ruined my home, killed your love for me and our boy. He must pay the price."

She sprang to her feet with incoherent words of protest. The man caught her arm, the flame in his eye holding her as surety as the grip that bruised

A Nation's Homecoming

The Jew in the land of his forefathers
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The Zionist Movement

One, if not the chief, of the forces which are transforming Palestine is the Zionist Movement. It expresses the desire of the Jews to possess a land where they may live of right and not merely by permission. Long ago, by Babel's streams, whither Nebuchadnezzar had transported him, the captive Jew sang to his broken heart: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her cunning. . . . If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." Long years of exile, cruel deportations, the isolated life of the ghettos, murderous pogroms have never been able to quench this love for the land of their forefathers nor to extinguish the hope that yet again they will return thither. The name of the Hebrew National Anthem is Hat Tiqvah (The Hope). The sentiment which runs through it is:

"So long as in the innermost heart the Jewish soul longs,
And to the bounds of the distant East,
To Zion, the eye looks,
So long is our hope not lost, a hope constantly renewed,
To return to the land of our fathers,
To the city where David dwelt."

Towards the beginning of the 19th century, in Germany, Mendelssohn urged the Jews of his day to step forth from the narrow life of the ghettos and take part in the national life around them. Some Hebrews, as a result, attained high political position, pre-eminently Disraeli. Towards the end of the same century, Herzl made an effort to secure another land for his people. But how could a Jew sing the Lord's song in a strange land? They could not be satisfied with either the waterless land of South Palestine, the rich plateau of Uganda, or the shores of Cyrenaica, near Egypt. And then came the war.

Strategic Value of Palestine

When the Turk threw in his lot with the German forces towards the end of 1914, the safety of the Suez Canal was threatened. To make this highway of the nations safe, it was apparent that in Palestine there must be placed a power friendly to the Allies. Prominent Hebrew diplomats approached the British government, urging

the claims of their people. In November, 1917, the hearts of the Jews throughout the world were cheered by the following letter of Lord Balfour to Lord Rothschild, as the most representative member of their race:

"His Majesty's government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may pre-

judice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

500 Moslems, and yet not only was the land recognized as a national home for the Jews, where Hebrew was an official language on an equality with English and Arabic, but also in addition to the first high commissioner being a Jew, the Hebrews were entitled to six representatives alongside of the six for the Christians and the 12 for the Arabs in the Legislative Council.

The Arabs, who had been won to the side of the Allies by Lawrence, fully expected that their reward would be complete control over Palestine, Syria, Trans-Jordania, Arabia and Iraq. Though the wise and just administration of Sir Herbert Samuel caused the unnatural alliance of Moslem and Christian against the Jew to begin to dissolve, yet there



A Halutzim Mounted Policeman
Arab marauders offer a continual menace to life and property in remote Palestinian settlements

WHAT a change war has made, not only in Europe and America, but also in the distant East!

When I visited Palestine in 1913, a year before the fatal bomb was hurled in Serajevo, for a month, I seemed to be travelling through pages of Holy Writ. On any road in Egypt, Palestine or Syria, I could see an Arab Abraham, Isaac or Jacob gently swaying in his lofty camel saddle, or with his staff vigorously whacking his diminutive donkey, while Sarah, Rebecca or Rachel trod meekly behind her lord and master along the dusty highway, babe on her shoulder, or balancing a basket of vegetables or chickens on her head.

Here and there, in Arab sections of the land, the same thing may be seen today and will be seen for many a day, yet as soon as our ship dropped anchor off shore from Mount Carmel at Haifa, I realized that a new spirit was at work in the land, a spirit which is awakening Palestine out of the sleep of an unchanging East to become a modern progressive state.

When appointed by the University of Manitoba to act as its representative at the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, I was advised by a Jewish rabbi to sail by the President Arthur, the first Hebrew ship to sail under the Magen David (The Shield of David), the new Jewish national flag. His reason was that on it I would meet prominent Hebrews who would help me to understand the significance of what I saw in Palestine. He was right, for from them I learned much.



Splendid Technical High School, at Haifa, at foot of Mount Carmel

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Five years later, in London, the mandate for Palestine was confirmed by the council of the League of Nations, and England was appointed mandatory.

Seething Cauldron of Races

This recognition, however, was the

source of much dissatisfaction to the native Arab and to some of the Christian population throughout Palestine. The latter were afraid, perhaps, that as Jewish influence increased, some of their own religious rights and privileges might be impaired or abrogated.

The former resented so much political power having been given to the Jews, though they constituted so small a part of the population—only one man in every eight. In 1922, the population consisted of 79,300 Jews, 84,500 Christians, 583,

was enough bitterness left to cause the Arab to proclaim a fast on the day of the University opening, and later, in Damascus, to make an attack upon Lord Balfour.

In Palestine, I later learned, that in addition to the above reasons, the Effendi, or landed gentry class, who, under the Turk, had been the rulers of the land, resented every Jewish appointment to office as a curtailing of their own rights. In addition, the fellahin or native farmer class and the bedawin or desert shepherd, who previously took little interest in politics, seeing what education and improved methods of agriculture were doing for the Jewish colonies beside their villages, were no longer the plastic mass they formerly had been in the hands of the upper class. A well-informed citizen of Jerusalem told me that, provided they were not stirred up by such political lies, as that England intended to take away their farms and give them to the Jews, or such indiscreet Jewish remarks as that "in a national home there is but room for one people," these simple folk live on the best of terms with their Hebrew neighbors.

There is no reason why Arab, Jew and Christian should not live peaceably and happily together in Palestine as French and British do in Canada, with mutual advantage to all. There is room in the land for four times the present population and already the land is showing the benefits of the Jewish return to the land of their fathers.

Configuration of Holy Land

The high plateau upon which Jerusalem is built is 2,000 feet above the level of the Mediterranean. It is not level on top, but lines of hills run from north to south. Upon the second last range on its eastern side, the Holy City stands, the ancient part surrounded with walls to the south, the new suburbs to the north. To the east of it is another range of hills, the part opposite the Temple Hill and separated from it by the Kedron Valley is called Mount Olivet. The hill opposite the New Jerusalem outside of the walls and separated



A communistic dwelling at Dagan, at the south end of the sea of Galilee. Above is the nursery of another communistic establishment at Ain Harodh. The little tots are looked after during the daytime by women specially trained to the work, and at night go to their own parents. In this hot, fly-ridden country, the hard-working mothers cannot look after their babes as well as the "creches" do.



from it by the broad Valley of Jehoshaphat is named Mount Scopus. It is upon this latter hill, about three miles from the Joppa Gate, that the new University stands.

The property was the former residence of Sir John Gray Hill, a substantial stone building behind a high stone wall, on the very summit of Scopus, from which it commands a fine view of the city to the west and to the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the east. Upon the same ridge, about a half mile further south, stands the high commissioner's residence, an imposing structure with a lofty tower erected for the Kaiser.

The University Convocation

On the south side of the University hill the students and the Jewish pioneers, called the Halutsim, had dug out a huge auditorium like a Greek theatre. Here it was that Lord Balfour delivered his inaugural address.

At the opening hymn, President Weizmann announced that this Hebrew University would be a true university in every sense of the word. It would endeavor to teach all that the mind of man embraces. It would be open to both sexes and to the people of every nation, especially to all the peoples of Palestine. Teaching would be done in the Hebrew language and it would begin with research work of an advanced type and of the highest university standards. These would give the keynote to all future work.

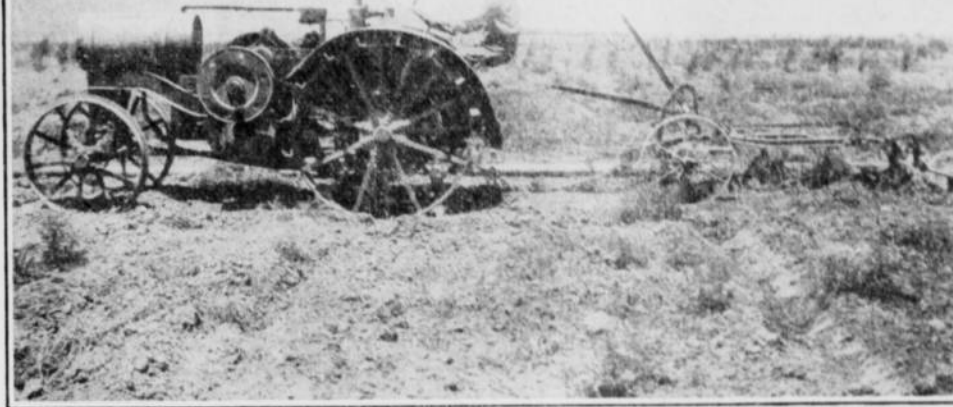
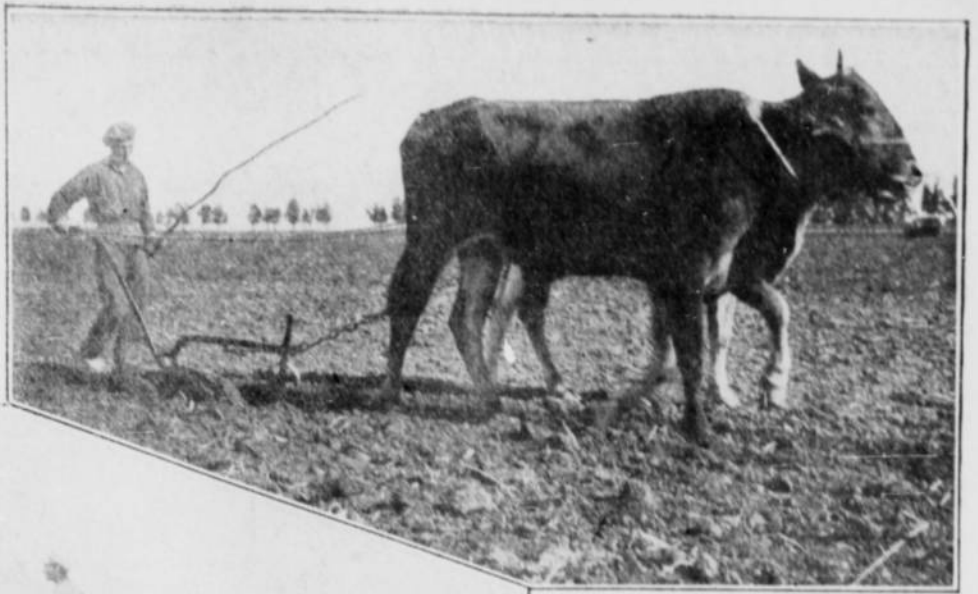
Sir Herbert Samuel conveyed the greetings of the British and also of the Palestinian governments. He expressed the hope that just as Jewish enthusiasm and industry were transforming malarial swamps into habitable land, this long neglected country into a prosperous one, so it would transform all hostilities into friendships.

The Modern Moses

Lord Balfour was greeted with a tremendous ovation. What Moses was to the ancient Hebrew, he is to the modern Jew. "I was told," he said, as he looked away towards the east across the Jordan Valley far beneath him, "that from this platform I might see

The old and the new in Palestinian agriculture
The boy's plowing outfit shown in the upper picture is still the standard power equipment on farms in the Holy Land.

The lower picture is familiar enough to Guide readers to have been snapped in Southern Alberta, but it wasn't; the tractor is plowing close to the site where Allenby delivered the coup de grace to a beaten Turkish army.



quite near to the Jordan Fords, where the Turks were so thoroughly demoralized by Allenby's splendid strategy.

What Jewish colonies in Palestine may become can be seen by what has been accomplished at Lord Rothschild's settlements at Rishon Le Sion, on the Philistine Plains, and at Daganua, at the south end of the Sea of Galilee.

The latter is a communistic colony, splendidly housed in a large concrete building surrounded with groves of lemon, orange and palm trees. The barn is built of concrete blocks and the milk raised here is sent down to Haifa.

The former, one of the older colonies, lies in the midst of vineyards and orchards of olive, apricot, almonds, oranges and lemons. Here experiments were made with two thousand sorts of vines. Today the second largest wine cellar in the world rises amidst the neat cottages of Rishon Le Sion. There I saw vats containing 800,000 gallons of the Kosher or ceremonially pure wine that the Jews use at Passover.

A Progressive Agricultural College

At Miqweh Israel, not far from Joppa, there is a splendid agricultural school, which not only trains young men and women to be successful farmers, but also solves the problems connected with the raising of bees, poultry, cattle, vegetables, fruits, grains and trees, in a land so various in its types of soil and climate.

In the gardens and nurseries, one may see every type of plant, shrub and tree produced in Palestine. When I visited the agricultural museum in Jerusalem, I was surprised at the variety and perfection of the fruits produced in Palestine. The finest oranges that go into the London market come from the country about Joppa.

There are now 89 Jewish colonies in Palestine, working 200,000 acres of land. By their improved methods of agriculture, by their careful attention to sanitation, health and education, each one of these is a demonstration to the Arab of what may be done, and though he may resent the mode in which it is coming, the Arab is learning his lesson from these enthusiastic patriots, glad to be back in the land promised to their forefathers.

Wide Variety of Products

This colony was almost self-supporting, producing its own leather, shoes, honey, eggs and poultry, cattle and dairy products, sheep and wool, faddors and grains, tobacco and fruits. From it several new colonies have grown. These all lie in the plain of Esdraelon,

great even in translation will be equal to its new task. Will this university be able to secure from her own people teachers able to give instruction in all branches of study? The names of such men as Einstein, the great mathematician, Freud, the psychologist, and Bergmann, the philosopher, all Hebrews, is sufficient answer. Will the Arab and Jew be able to work harmoniously together? During the tenth century, when the lamp of learning flickered and almost went out in Europe, who was it that rekindled it?—the Arab and the

outside of these are the houses, back of each a five-acre garden, at the rear of which is the barn.

Back of all this, like the space between the spokes of a wheel, the 25 or 50 acres worked by each man. However, the land is graded in each colony so that a man gets so many acres of the best, so many of the second best, and no man gets it all good while his neighbor gets it all bad.

At Nahalal, which is individualistic, while all the buying and selling is done co-operatively, each man owns his own home. At Ain Harodh, where Gideon once chose his 300 men to fight the Midianites, there is a very large communistic colony. On one side of the great oval are barracks for the single men, on the other side quarters for the single women, while a third set of buildings accommodate the married women and men, each couple having a room to themselves.



A Jewish shepherd, near Ain Harodh, on the Plain of Esdraelon. Note the Halutsim policeman, who never gets far from the flock.

the very pathways down which your forefathers descended to enter the promised land." Upon mentioning this to a friend, he said, "Yes, and this University is built upon the very hill from which the Roman, Titus, directed his soldiers when Jerusalem was taken in 70 A.D." Since that time, though Hebrew life and culture had not died, yet it has been the culture of a people not living on their own soil. Today marks the resumption upon your own land of that life and culture that once made it famous.

This university is a great experiment, the transference of Western university life to an Eastern land, to be taught in an Eastern language. I am convinced that the experiment will be successful. Will it be possible to teach modern science and philosophy in the Hebrew language? The Old Testament is a translation from the Hebrew. It has been one of the most potent influences in English literature, a language so

Jew. What they did long ago they may be able to do again.

Some Communistic Settlements

New-comers in Palestine are not set on isolated farms but in colonies. In these they are not only happier but also safer. Attacks from Arabs have arisen even under the British regime. These settlements are either communistic or individualistic. Outwardly they look much alike. Generally they are laid out in a great oval. In the centre are the public buildings, meeting house, store and sheds, with machinery belonging to the whole community, like threshers or Fordsons. In a larger ring



European cattle cannot survive the climate of Palestine, but at this agricultural college at Miqweh Israel, a very superior blend has been effected by crossing western European milking breeds on the native cow.

Morden Blazes New Trail



Nine years' efforts in horticulture demonstrates great future for prairies

By GEORGE F. CHIPMAN

WHAT is now the Experimental Farm at Morden in Southern Manitoba, nine years ago was a 300-acre field of black summer-fallow on the bald and treeless prairie. Thousands of visitors at the Morden station last summer found the farm perhaps the most attractive spot in the prairie provinces. It is laid off in fields, separated by caragana hedges for shelter and landscaped by other shrubs and trees for adornment. One hundred acres are devoted to horticulture and the orchards were well laden with apples, plums and various fruits of the cherry family, while there were small fruits in abundance as well as vegetables of both temperate and warmer climes, to say nothing of the beautiful borders of perennial shrubs and flowers, rose garden, pergola, arboretum and annual flowers in profusion and beauty.

Such in very brief form is an indication of the transformation brought about in the brief space of nine years and which has made Morden the mecca of horticultural enthusiasts from all over the country. One has but to visit the horticultural station in August or September to visualize the future of this prairie country as a land of attractive, well-treed homesteads, with avenues of beautiful trees along the roadways and gardens as fruitful as those of Ontario, with specially favored sections which will become famous for fruit production. It is the first worth-while attempt yet made by the Dominion government to demonstrate the fruit-growing possibilities of this great country, and the results to date have well justified the expenditure.

The Field of Promise

From 1874 until it was purchased by the Dominion government in 1915, the farm was devoted to wheat and is now producing fruit without fertilization, indicating the richness of the soil. Summer fallowing was first in order to condition the soil and give the weeds a set-back. Meantime W. T. Macoun, Dominion horticulturist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, prepared for its planting. From apples of the best imported Russian varieties, as well as from the most promising introductions from Minnesota and other hardy varieties under test, he produced one-year-old seedlings. When the Morden station in the spring of 1916 was ready for planting, 25,000 of these one-year-old seedling apple trees were planted in rows nine feet apart and one foot apart in the row. That ten-acre seedling orchard is full of wonderful possibilities. Cross-pollinated by insects

the flowers and seeds from which these little trees originated had in them the certainty of much that was new and the promise of much that was good. Nature itself began at once to levy toll and the tenderer trees succumbed to the severities of the winter, leaving the hardier ones to go forward to fruitage. A few hundreds may have died in this test for the survival of the fittest, but those remaining have become a veritable thicket. After five years 99 of the little trees in 1921 bore fruit and in 1922 there were 228 which reached the fruiting stage. In 1923 apples appeared on 496 new ones, in 1924 on 616, while in the past season no less than 2,935 produced fruit for the first time. And yet there are thousands of those trees

superintendent of the station, in testing many of the new apples, found one which brought memories of the Gravenstein, another that recalled the Northern Spy, another the Winesap and others that seemed to be near relatives of other standards or old favorites. It was for this purpose that the seedling orchard was planted. Nature was to select for hardiness and man to select for quality. If out of the 25,000 seedling trees there be found ten which produce apples of good quality for eating, cooking and keeping, with the necessary hardiness, it will be a big dividend upon the investment. It takes 20 years at least to produce and test a new apple for introduction to the public, but if there be some from this orchard

in his boyhood days in the Annapolis Valley not so many years ago.

But the prospect of prairie apples from the work at the Morden Experiment Station is not confined to the big 25,000 seedling orchard. A large number of many varieties of Russian apples are being grown, many of these proving perfectly hardy and bearing quite heavily. The Hibernian, hardest of all, is not much for eating, but is a splendid cooking apple and hardy all over the prairies. Other Russian varieties, such as Repka Kisloga, Charlamoff, Ostrakoff and numerous others are fruiting well, among the best of them for eating purposes being Yellow Transparent, Charlamoff, Kowiske, Anis and Simbrisk No. 1. The Duchess, Wealthy and Blushed Calville, all good eating apples, are hardy and productive at Morden and over quite a range of the country.

Some of the best of the old standard apples from other parts of Canada are also being tested at the Morden station. The McIntosh Red, which originated in an Ontario pasture, has gone through two winters and may yet bear fruit. The Crimson Beauty, the earliest of all apples to ripen in Canada, produced its fiery red apples this season. It originated in New Brunswick and has withstood as low as 35 below zero. Ripening in the last week of July and the first week of August, it will be most welcome if it survives the test of our winters. Then there is the Haralson, originated in Minnesota and which keeps until spring, the Northwestern Greening, the Gravenstein, the Melba, Sweet Russet and many others that are being tested, but are not yet old enough to produce fruit, if indeed they will survive to that stage. It may yet be that even some of these old standard apple trees will be found to possess inherent hardiness sufficient to withstand our vigorous climate.

Crab Apples a Certainty

A very large number of crab apples have been tested at the Morden station and it seems difficult to select the best, there are so many good ones that are perfectly hardy and are fruiting heavily. Several of those produced by the late Dr. Saunders are of excellent quality and the Transcendent, Hyslop and Whitney, which are the standards of British Columbia and Ontario, are perfectly hardy and fruitful at Morden. It may now safely be said that crab apples of the best quality may be grown pretty well all over

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W. R. Leslie (with cap), superintendent of the Morden Experiment Station, and G. F. Chipman, editor of The Guide, displaying a heavily-loaded Pembina plum tree.

to yield their secrets in the years to come.

Nature's Secrets Unfolding

Of course the larger percentage of these trees produced fruit of poor quality, as was to be expected. Quite a number have given fruit of medium quality that would be devoured with considerable enthusiasm by any threshing gang or even school children where other apples were absent. But occasionally is found a tree with fruit which makes even the most experienced apple grower smack his lips and exclaim, "By jove, there's a real apple." The writer, in company with W. R. Leslie,



The apple orchard at Morden. Note low-headed trees with leaves, affording protection against sun-scald of the bark. Also amount of cultivation between the rows.

equal to the McIntosh Red, the Delicious, the Gravenstein or the Northern Spy, with prairie hardiness, the result will be worth a million dollars at a conservative estimate.

Another Ten Years

From this orchard the trees which bear poor fruit are ruthlessly cut out to give room for the others. The bonfire is a necessary adjunct to fruit breeding. Those that give apples of medium quality are given another chance. But those whose fruit gives real promise are reserved for special attention. They are propagated upon hardy root stock and set out in orchard form where they will be carefully watched and recorded for hardiness, fruitfulness, strength of tree, keeping qualities of fruit and resistance to disease. Another ten years will eliminate the greater portion of even those which have given early promise of a great future. School children of the next generation on these prairies will be able to fill their pockets with apples from their own garden as they start for school, as did the writer

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The U.G.G. Decision

As was to be expected the relationship between the pools and the farmers' companies was the outstanding subject of discussion by the delegates at the annual meeting of the United Grain Growers in Winnipeg, on November 19-21. The business of the company had been well handled during the year, the profits were substantial and very satisfactory, the retiring directors were re-elected and the reports of the officers unanimously approved. There was little debate upon these matters. For more than a day, however, the delegates debated the various aspects of the grain marketing problem, and it was evident that the majority of delegates present were members of one or other of the three provincial wheat pools as well as shareholders in the U.G.G.

While there was a considerable number of the delegates in favor of selling out the company's elevators to the pools and winding up the affairs of the company, the attitude of the board of directors as set forth in a detailed resolution was finally adopted by a vote of about 10 to one. The policy of the board, which has now become the policy of the company, comprising 36,000 shareholders, is that there should be no strife nor conflict between the farmers' companies and the pools, inasmuch as all are owned outright by the farmers, and each seeking to give service to its members. In the resolution adopted the advantage of the pool system of marketing was readily accepted, as well as the advantage of having a farmer-owned organization for handling and selling the grain of non-pool members. The board of directors was authorized by the delegates to co-ordinate the marketing machinery of the U.G.G. with that of the pools in order to provide for the handling and purchase and sale of pool and non-pool grain through country and terminal elevators.

In the various negotiations between the boards of the pools and the farmers' companies up-to-date the rock upon which they have split is the method of handling the grain from non-pool members. The pool boards have taken the ground that the two systems of marketing grain will not operate satisfactorily side by side, and that, consequently, it is necessary to have a complete line of country elevators as well as terminals for the handling of pool grain, with no provision for the purchase or sale of non-pool grain through the same system. The farmers' companies' boards on the other hand have contended that in any satisfactory scheme or co-ordination their own shareholders who are not pool members, as well as other patrons who are not pool members, should be provided with opportunity to sell their grain through the same elevators through which the pool grain is shipped and that there is no disadvantage to the pools in working out such a system.

We cannot question that both parties in the dispute are earnestly seeking to provide the best marketing service possible for the grain on these prairies. It is to be hoped that they will be able to work out a harmonious solution to the problem and co-ordinate their efforts for the welfare of the farmers generally.

From the standpoint of the farmer on the prairie probably the most important result to be achieved is that the entire grain marketing machinery for handling the Western crop should be farmer-owned and operated.

If that can be brought about within the next few years it will be a great achievement. Inside such a farmer-owned organization it would be necessary to provide for the marketing upon a co-operative basis of non-pool as well as pool grain, otherwise it must be assumed that every pool member will always remain a pool member, and that all non-pool members will join the pool. Under the present pool contract two cents per bushel is deducted for the purchase of elevators, thus making every pool member a shareholder in the system of elevators which the pools will construct or acquire. If no provision is made for handling non-pool wheat then a pool member, who, for any reason whatever, fails to sign another pool contract at the end of the present contract period, would still be a shareholder in the pool elevators and be compelled to market his grain elsewhere.

The solution of the problem must finally be given by the shareholders of the companies and the pools. In the meantime it is not a matter upon which an immediate decision is essential. No farmer is suffering by delay and time will permit consideration with less prejudice and less of the personal element to cloud the issues. The elevators operated by the farmers' companies are undoubtedly operated as cheaply and efficiently as the pools could operate them, and it would be a great folly and would mean the waste of millions of the farmers' money to duplicate those elevators. The pools by deducting two cents per bushel are accumulating millions of dollars for the purchase of elevators and it is most important that the expenditure of that money should be wisely made.

If the shareholders of farmers' companies of whom the majority are also pool members decide that they are not yet ready to sell their elevators they are nevertheless ready to co-operate with the pools in a close, economical and mutually satisfactory working arrangement. Another year or two if it is necessary will not be time wasted in seeking a wise solution of a problem of the magnitude which confronts the farmers today. They are dealing with a business problem involving hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and every important step should be taken only after the gravest consideration. The men at the head of the farmers' companies and the pools have a very great responsibility resting upon them. They are the trustees of the farmers, and the situation calls not only for statesmanship but for the exercise of business ability of the highest order. Neither prejudice nor the personal element should be allowed to enter into any of their considerations.

The Progressive Situation

The final decision as to whether the Liberal government will continue at Ottawa, or Mr. Meighen be called upon to form an administration depends almost entirely upon the attitude and action of the Progressives. Yet up to the present time, even though a month has elapsed since the election and parliament is to meet in a few days, the Progressive members as a whole have had no meeting at which to consider their course of action.

The Manitoba members have met for discussion but have issued no statement. The Alberta members (who regard themselves as U.F.A. representatives rather than Progressives) had a meeting last week, and

according to press despatches took action independent of the balance of the Progressive group. It is stated that they felt there was little expectation of immediate tariff changes from the Liberal party. There were three points, however, on which the U.F.A. members felt that they could co-operate with the Liberal party, namely in the establishment of a system of rural credits, the introduction of the alternative vote and the transfer of the national resources of Alberta to the control of the provincial government. Upon these matters, it is stated that Robert Gardiner, M.P. elect for Acadia, was delegated to present the views of the Alberta members to Premier King.

The lack of harmony and cohesion in the Progressive group at Ottawa, which became more marked during the last two sessions, was a great disappointment to those who looked for results from the Progressive movement generally. Undoubtedly it was a large factor in reducing the group from 65 in 1921, to its present status of 23 members. Today it is a prairie province movement. Yet unfortunately there appears little evidence of closer co-operation in the present group than prevailed during the last session of parliament.

Without the close co-operation of the entire Progressive group the King government cannot carry on, and in that event there will be another election within a year. Upon what basis will the Progressives co-operate with the government. If they are divided into two or perhaps three groups with varying policies it is plain that they can accomplish but little, either for the government or the people who elected them. If on the other hand they are able to present a united front upon a common policy they will be in a position to have a voice in the policy of the administration. They can easily co-operate with the government without doing violence to their convictions since the Progressive policies are largely the pre-election pledges but post election violations of the Liberals. The course which the Progressives pursue at Ottawa at the coming session will largely decide the future of the movement on the prairies.

Permanent European Peace

It required seven years after the Armistice to complete the peace terms of Locarno which were formally and officially signed at London, December 1, 1925. The Treaty of Versailles, signed at Paris, June 28, 1919, is fulfilled and interpreted in the "Treaty of Mutual Guarantee between Germany, Belgium, France, Great Britain and Italy," commonly known in Europe as the Western Security Pact. This principal document is strengthened by four treaties of arbitration between Germany and her two eastern and western neighbors; two treaties of guarantee between France and Poland and France and Czecho-Slovakia, and a draft collective note from the former Allies to Germany, defining their interpretation of Article 16, of the Covenant which deals with joint application of sanctions against offenders.

The event at London is associated with the evacuation of Cologne by the Allied troops of occupation on the same day, and with the important provision in Article 10, that the treaty will not come into force unless and until Germany enters the League of Nations. It is confidently assumed that these five instruments will become part of the public law of Europe by the New Year.

Special meetings of the Council and the League will be duly called to elect Germany, in the doing of which no time will be lost.

To Great Britain, under the leadership of Austen Chamberlain, foreign minister, large credit is due for the final and complete agreement which brings permanent peace to Europe. On behalf of the British Empire Mr. Chamberlain took the responsibility of rejecting the Peace Protocol last year. That action indicated no indifference toward the high purpose of the designers of that important document, which was judged to be based upon a principle of coercion quite out of harmony with the political systems built up by the British peoples and upon which they set high value. It was accepted as a logical duty by British leaders that some worthy substitute should be devised which would secure the peace and stability sought for without doing violence to the democratic principles prized by all. This, it is believed, has been accomplished in the Locarno instruments signed at London. The German Rhine will now be guarded not only by Germany, but also by France and Belgium, backed by both Italy and Great Britain, who are equally allied to Germany, France and Belgium. It has been the conviction of the British Foreign office that with establishment of a better state of affairs on the western frontiers of Germany the good results would radiate until general peace should be assured. That is the policy enshrined in the Treaty of Locarno.

The high standard of the diplomacy in the chief instrument is manifest in this, that the cardinal point in the Treaty is the provision in Article 6, for the stabilization of the situation created by the Treaty of Versailles. The Treaty of Locarno does not invalidate any special rights enjoyed by any party under the Treaty of Versailles or

under the agreements which have arisen out of the Treaty of Versailles. The Pact is also an admirable product of open diplomacy.

There is this difference in the Versailles and Locarno pacts, that no nation outside Europe had any part in the negotiations of the Locarno pacts and are, therefore, not signatory to the documents. There was no observer or associated minister of the United States present. In this regard the British Dominions are no exception. Canada has no direct responsibility for what was signed up at London, December 1. In the debate in the House of Lords, it was fittingly stated by Lord Balfour that he had no misgivings regarding the Pact. If ever war should be forced upon Great Britain under the Treaty, he was sure that in such defensive struggle the Mother Country would be assured not only of the support against aggression from feelings of patriotism and common kinship but of all the elements of higher morality to which the Dominions were singularly alive.

Editorial Notes

The Ottawa Journal, Winnipeg Tribune, and sundry other Tory journals have uncovered a dastardly plot. They discovered Premier King in Toronto a few days ago, closeted with Sir Clifford Sifton and Hon. T. A. Crerar, who was selling out the Progressives. These journals in their zeal for the public welfare have laid bare all the details of the crime. The only thing they omitted was the fact that Mr. Crerar has not been in Eastern Canada for more than six months, that the meeting referred to never took place, and that there is not a word of truth in the whole story. Aside from these slight omissions, it is a real good Tory story.

The Locarno Pact brings nearer fulfilment the Christmas message of Peace on Earth and

Good-will to Men. Yet with strife in Syria, in Morocco and in China, and with industrial strife in the coal industry of North America, there is plenty of need for reflection on terms of universal peace.

Movement of the 1925 crop has made a decided improvement in the revenue of the Canadian National Railways. The net revenue for October amounted to \$8,159,958, as compared with net revenue of \$20,485,721 for the first 10 months of 1925. The returns for October show increase over 1924 of \$3,466,115, and for the 10 months of nearly \$10,000,000. Gross revenue for both periods this year is well up and gives renewed promise of better things.

An Eastern bank president proposes sale of the Canadian National Railway. It will probably be found that so long as the system shows a deficit the purchaser would want to acquire the property for very little, or make selections on the lines. Once the system begins to pay, as it surely will with the gradual development of the country and increase of traffic, the owners will not be willing to part with the property.

The Locarno Pact is not as ambitious in its undertaking as were the Treaty of Mutual Assistance and the Peace Protocol. War is not excluded, though it is a remote contingency. It might arise as a duty under the covenant for application of sanctions; it might come as a war of defence against an aggressor. In either case war is legitimate.

Premier King announces that he has no intention of resigning even though the Tories might desire it. It is not the Tories but the Liberals who will decide Mr. King's future.

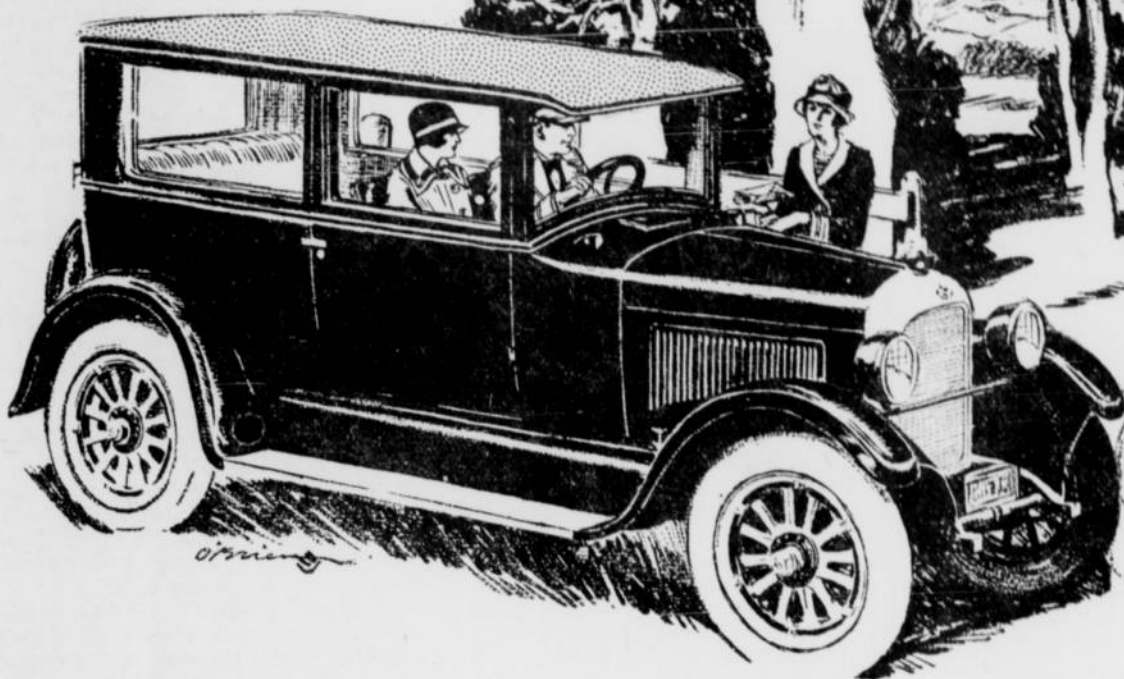


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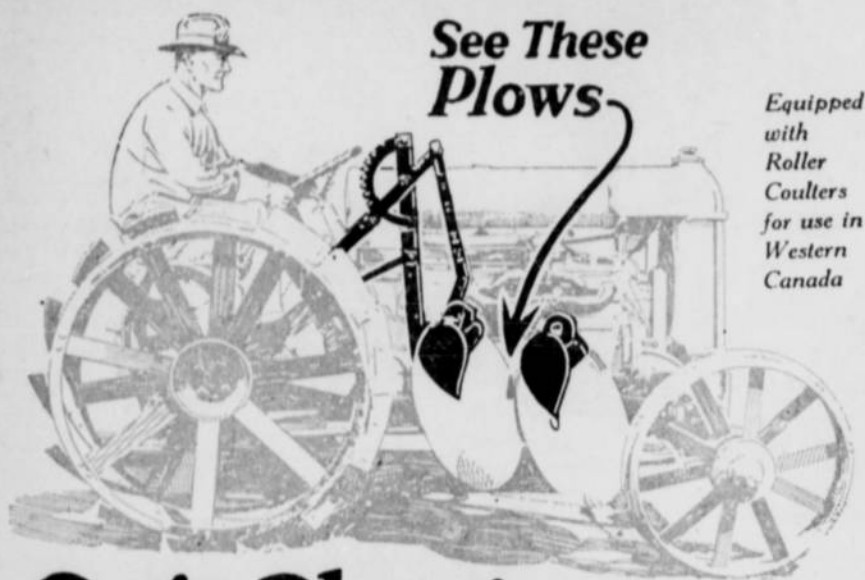
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Rambles in Bookland

A chat about the new books of this winter

BOOKS, piles of them, tables loaded down with them, stacks of them as high as my head invited from every side. Books so new and shining I felt like touching them gingerly with the tip of my finger to make sure the ink was dry on the bold black lettering. Books not so new, old friends I had met before; and back of them—books, the books that have made a place for themselves in our hearts and do not grow old. They come back year after year, always welcomed like members of the family coming home for Christmas.

I was strolling around the bookstores so that I might tell Guide readers what new books are offered, and what people are buying this year. And the first thing I noticed was the great number of books by Canadian authors, and about Canada, that are among the best sellers. There is no getting away from the fact that we like to read about ourselves. And small wonder, for think of all the years we have had to read about the wonderful people in London and New York and Paris and many other distant places, with scarcely a book to prove that we were worth writing about.

All that is past, and it is whispered that some of us who have been written about this year are not pleased with what has been said. And of course I am referring to Martha Ostenso's prize novel, *Wild Geese*, a best seller at the present time.

Miss Ostenso was a school teacher in northern Manitoba, and she has written a novel showing that the love of the soil may so obsess a man that he will sacrifice his family and himself to it. An austere story this, unlightened by any touch of humor and unrelieved by any faint hint of the spiritual values of life. It is said that the Icelandic people, among whom Miss Ostenso lived, resent this novel, as being so small a part of the truth, that it is untrue. However that may be it has brought fame and fortune to the author, and in every place I went it was, if not the best seller, almost that.

Flaming from every shelf, *Painted Fires*, Nellie L. McClung's latest book, even from its cover throws out a glamorous warmth. Of course it is selling well. This author's books always do. Her admirers know that she never writes a book that is not clean and wholesome.

Treading the Winepress by Ralph Conner; *When Sparrows Fall*, by Mrs. Salverson; *Settlers of the Marsh*, by Frederick Philip Grove, are new books by western Canadian authors, that are well to the fore on all the tables of recent fiction and are selling fairly well.

An interesting fact about *Wild Geese* and *Settlers of the Marsh*, is that the authors of both books are of Scandinavian extraction, both have taught school in Manitoba, and both have written very strong stark realistic novels of the soil. Some claim that these two books are the beginning of a school of realistic fiction in the West,

whose stern climate, and austere outlines, might well be the home of such writers.

And while I am talking of Western Canadian authors, I must mention, *The Moral Standards of Democracy*, by Henry Wilkes Wright, professor of Philosophy and Social Ethics in Manitoba University. This book has been most favorably reviewed in London papers, and is selling well here. Also I noticed that *The Women of the Red River*, by W. J. Healy, is in its third edition, and is still selling.

Other books by Canadian authors that are well to the fore are: *Emily Climbs*, by L. M. Montgomery; *A Glorious Apollo*, by E. Barrington; *The High Forfeit*, by Basil King; *The Power and The Glory*, by Sir. Gilbert Parker, and *The Book of the West*, by Howard Angus Kennedy. It is interesting to note that many of these books by Canadian authors are best sellers abroad as well as at home.

But we have many favorite authors in other countries, and *The Keeper of The Bees*, Gene Stratton Porter's last book, is having a tremendous sale among her many admirers. The tragic death of Mrs. Porter in an automobile accident, was a cause of grief in many far out-of-the-way corners of the earth as well as in the more populace centres, where she was greatly loved because of her wholesome sympathetic stories.

As I was walking down street with a friend, we stopped to look through a window at some books and she pointed to *One Increasing Purpose*, by A. S. M. Hutchinson, and said, "I'm glad I don't have to read that." Which is just another example of how diversified the taste of the reading public is. For *One Increasing Purpose*, right here in our own market, is one of the very best sellers, and the same is true in many other places in the United States and England. By some it has been called the great religious novel of the age. It threatens to rival this author's first great success, *If Winter Comes*.

If you do not wish to be improved, and you do not wish to have your heart wrung by the sordid side of life, and you do not wish to strain your brains to follow the complicated problems of the psychological writer, why just take awhile off and read, *The Perennial Bachelor*, by Anne Parrish, or *The Great Pandolfo*, by William J. Locke. For your quiet meditative friend you will find *Adventures in Understanding*, by David Grayson, a real pleasure, and for your highbrow critic, *The Professor's House*, by Willa Cather, should prove acceptable.

But as I continued my search I came across *With Lawrence In Arabia*, by Lowell Thomas, and immediately I had a mental picture of a young Oxford student, dressed in the costume of a high Arabian official, doing the most daring and adventurous things, and perfecting one of the most remarkable organizations of the wild Arab tribes, ever accomplished in history. If you

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Marley's Ghost

By
JEAN L. HINDS

What happened when a boy was chosen to take the part of a ghost in a Christmas play

RODNEY Harper, junior, poked dismally at the piece of lemon pie that his mother had just set before him. Mrs. Harper slapped a similar piece on the table for her husband and two daughters and settled heavily in her chair. Then she glanced around the table lit by the glow of a huge, greatly bespangled chandelier and noticed her son's alarming indifference.

"Rodney! You ain't eatin' your pie! Are you sick?"

"No, ma, I'm just not hungry," replied Rodney.

"Not hungry!" Mrs. Harper's mind failed to grasp clearly this overwhelming fact. "Not hungry!"

Mr. Harper, as if hearing his cue, made his little joke. "Maybe the boy's in love," he hazarded in, humorously.

His wife ignored him. A time when Rodney refused lemon pie was no occasion for frivolity.

"Tell me, Rodney," she demanded feverishly, "are you in trouble at school or something?"

"Not trouble exactly. Wish it was." Rodney stared through the lemon pie and announced hollowly, "I gotta be Marley's ghost."

"Well, I never met the gentleman, but if you keep on starvin' yourself I've no doubt you'll do very well as anybody's ghost." In her relief Mrs. Harper waxed sarcastic.

Rodney let his much prized pompadour fall over his eyes unheeded and made no remark. However, Annie, most superior of elder sisters, explained.

"Miss Sydney's putting on 'The Christmas Carol' for our Christmas concert, and Rodney's got to take the part of the ghost."

Light dawned upon Mrs. Harper. Her son was one of the favored few chosen to take part in a play! "That's fine!" she beamed, "why Rodney, I'd think you'd be glad to be in a concert."

"So I would, if I could be in the minstrel show some of the guys are puttin' on. I told Miss Sydney I wanted to but it ain't no use—"

"Your grammar!" reproved Anne.

"Ain't it awful?" agreed Rodney hopefully, "and I been going to school eight years."

"Well, you'll keep on goin'," his mother crushed his hopes, "and you'll be whoever's ghost the teacher wants you to. I always said you could do well. You're just as smart as Alec Verne, and he—"

"Yeh, Verne! That sissy! He's Scrooge, the other guy in the play. All the regular fellows will think I'm a sissy like him."

Again it pleased Mr. Harper to be facetious. "I guess Verne's not the only good looking boy in the class if Miss Sydney picked you—"

"Oh, she ain't—isn't pickin' him on account of his looks!" Bessie, the younger girl, contributed her share to the dimming of Rodney's glory. "I heard her tell Miss Greenway that she'd found a good boy for that part. She said his voice was changing and was so husky it was positively sepulchral—spooky."

"Yeh?" queried Rodney, showing interest. He began to nibble his lemon pie. A glorious idea had dawned upon him.

A rehearsal of the dialogue between the covetous old sinner and the shade of his late partner was held at four o'clock next day. At noon Rodney had once more, with bashful intensity, begged Miss Sydney to allow him to take part in the minstrel show. But before her snapping black eyes and her "What nonsense! Of course you'll be in 'The Christmas Carol'. Don't you want to help us make the concert a success? Don't you want to help us earn the money for a new victrola?" He had been powerless to say anything but "Yes, Miss Sydney."

At four the schoolroom was deserted by all the pupils except Alec Verne and himself. The scorned Verne virtuously studied his lines unaware of the baleful glances cast in his direction. Let the

sap learn his stuff! Rodney resolved not to work on his part. He would make the desperate attempt that had occurred to him last night at the supper table.

Having seen the rest of her class to the door, Miss Sydney entered briskly and began issuing directions.

"Push my desk over in the corner, boys, and pull these others back to make a space in front for a stage. Now, Scrooge, you stand in front—there—in the centre. I won't hear your soliloquy again. You said it splendidly for me at noon. I want to work on Rodney's part. We'll start where he comes in. Come on, ghost, make us shiver!" she encouraged brightly.

Rodney took a step toward the centre of the room. Then in a high, determined voice he squeaked, "I am the ghost of Jacob Marley."

"Why, what's the matter with your voice?" demanded Miss Sydney.

Grimly Rodney clung to a shrill falsetto as he answered, "You see, Miss Sydney, it's changing. It was low for weeks, now I s'pose it'll be high for weeks."

"Mercy, I hope not!" the teacher declared fervently. "However, go on now. Clank those two empty ink bottles together for a chain."



"Holy mother, it's a spirit!" gasped Ed's companion.

Rodney obeyed. Above the clank of the ink bottles rose his strident, would-be lyric soprano. His throat ached, but he shrilled on. Every second Miss Sydney was beginning to look more worried.

Then, in a gallant attempt to sustain high F, his voice broke down to a husky rumble even more tragic than formerly. Miss Sydney sighed with audible relief, and Rodney knew that fate had destined him to be Marley's ghost.

"That's fine, Rodney. But you must have your part memorized by next time. Scrooge knew his perfectly."

"I have my costume ready, too, Miss Sydney!" said Scrooge complacently. "Good! What about your costume, Rodney? You should have a muffler and gaiters and oh, you know—like that picture in the book."

"Don't know where I can get any," mumbled Rodney.

"I know it's hard. We don't want to spend too much money getting the concert ready, so we're not going to rent costumes. The new victrola will cost a hundred and twenty-five dollars, and we'll need all we make on tickets for it. But you're supposed to be a ghost, and who remembers how Marley's ghost looked? We'll drape a sheet around you and you'll look fine. Now you may go, boys. We'll have another practice on Thursday."

Hopelessly Rodney slumped out. To be bundled ignominiously in a sheet while his fellows revelled in baggy old suits and burnt cork! At the door he met one of the

against Mrs. Harper's determination that her son was to win the laurels of the evening?

Directly after supper that delighted lady handed him a carefully wrapped parcel, saying, "Here now, don't crush this parcel. It's my best sheet. I washed it and ironed it this afternoon. I put in a paper of safety pins to hold it together. Hurry, now, she wants you to be there good and early."

Wordlessly Rodney took the bundle and departed. He half made up his mind to disappear for the evening, but the thought of living forever under the shadow of his mother's lamentations drove him toward the school.

It was a white, silent, Christmasy night, and passers-by smiled at each other in a friendly, understanding way. But Rodney plodded on to his doom, unheeding the beauty of the world, feeling that not a single fellow being understood or cared for the black bitterness in his soul.

When he arrived, the auditorium was already brilliantly lighted. Rows and rows of chairs stood waiting for beaming parents. The stage was importantly shrouded by curtains.

Rodney heard the sound of Miss Sydney's distracted voice coming from behind these curtains. Had something gone wrong? A wild hope stirred, only to die as he drew nearer and heard her words.

"For the janitor to get sick to-night of all nights! They've got that old Ed. Stebbins for a substitute and he hasn't turned up yet. Shiftless old thing! I suppose he'll be alright if he ever gets here sober! But—"

Miss Sydney bit her words off abruptly at a warning glance from Miss Greenway who had seen Rodney step through the curtains.

"Oh, here you are, Rodney. Good! Did you bring your sheet? That's fine. Now I'll get it on you and have that off my mind."

She already had the sheet unwrapped. Soon she was jerking Rodney around as if he were so much sawdust, swiftly swathing the sheet about him. During the process, two or three of the boys of the minstrel show arrived and grinned maddeningly.

"There!" Miss Sydney held him off. "I think he looks alright. Don't you, Miss Greenway? Now, Rodney, go and sit in the dressing-room and keep your sheet clean."

Off the stage was a little, cluttered up store room, which, during a concert, was dignified by the name of dressing-room. Here Rodney Rodney found several boys uproariously blackening their faces, making their lips huge and crimson and grotesque. One greeted him.

"Teacher's got her little boy all pinned up in his little white nightie and he musn't play with naughty black mans 'cause he'll get all nasty and dirty."

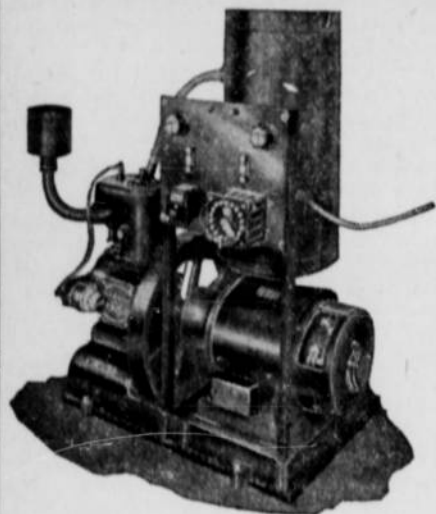
Rodney lunged fiercely at his tormentor, but the long sheet tripped him. He picked himself up and fled. Where could he go? Miss Sydney had sent him off the stage, the boys jeered at him when he went in the dressing-room. Unnoticed by anyone he slipped out of the auditorium. In the hall he glanced around like a trapped creature. The people would soon be coming—where could he go?

Suddenly he knew. He dashed down the hall to a small flight of stairs, and descended them as hastily as the sheet would permit. He came to the boiler room, swung open the heavy door, and advanced into what seemed the soothing darkness of a friendly tomb for an unfortunate ghost. The door closed behind him. He crouched in the farthest corner, wrapped in cavernous gloom and his mother's best sheet.

How long he huddled there, Rodney did not know. He heard sounds from the auditorium, scraping of chairs, banging of doors. Miss Sydney would

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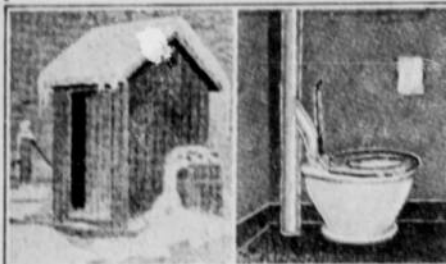
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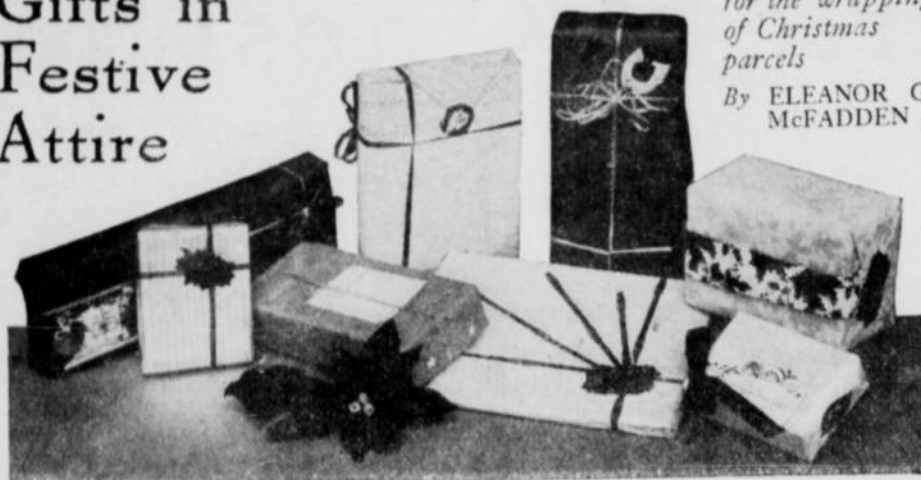
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Don't feel that holly paper and red and green paper are the only appropriate wrappings. Use these, of course, but try to achieve original effects in the wrapping of the boxes. The stores are full of pretty papers, seals, stickers, ribbons and cords, and with a careful selection of these little trimmings you will find no end to the possibilities in wrapping gifts.

Pretty Touches of Color

Gold and silver paper with royal blue ribbons or royal blue tissue with gold or silver ribbons and a few silver or gold stars the kind that are used for good conduct in school would be Christmas-like. White tissue red ribbons and a Christmas poinsetta, a spray of evergreen, holly or mistletoe or even a pine cone tucked under the ribbon would charm the recipient before the gift is discovered. A wishbone, gilded, may be tied with the sprig of mistletoe to the package and of course will carry good luck with it.

White tissue paper, combined with holly paper, is thin enough to show through and gives quite a pleasing, shadowy effect. The holly paper is folded across the top of the parcel completely binding the tissue paper as shown in the illustration. Holly seals are used to hold the ends firmly in place.

Black tissue paper is quite striking for wrapping if bright red seals and ribbons are used to cheer it up and black ribbon is effective on white packages if red or other bright colors are added in seals.

Applied decorations offer many possibilities. The designs should be conventional in character and rather large and bold, such as a Christmas tree, a wreath or a Christmas scene in "cut-outs." The Christmas tree and wreath would look well in green crepe paper, and if bright colored confetti is stuck on with paste they will look quite gay and pretty. If you are clever at sketching you could make a sketch of the friend for whom the gift is intended and then fill in the outline with India ink and paste it on the box.

The gummed paper ribbon is very convenient and pretty and may be applied to the box in many different ways. The illustration shows one method of applying this ribbon.

Original Uses of Inexpensive Materials

One need not feel handicapped if unable to get these ribbons and seals, however. Colored raffia can be used instead and it is not difficult to dye the raffia if you have only the natural color. Lacking raffia, you might use colored yarns. Wooden kindergarten beads or pretty colored glass beads tied at the ends of the yarn will add to the appearance of the box.

In tying the parcels, try to place the ribbon so as to avoid having equal areas. It is much more interesting to have the bow tied near one corner and to have large and small spaces, than to have the parcels tied as the store parcels are tied. If the bow of cord or ribbon looks a little small make a separate bow and tie it on its place.

Some suggestions
for the wrapping
of Christmas
parcels

By ELEANOR G.
McFADDEN

If you have a round parcel such as a powder puff or a child's ball, you might place it in a square of tissue paper or better, two colors placed together and tie the paper with red ribbon close to the contents. The square corners are then arranged loosely and you have a pretty little parcel that resembles a flower.

A parcel such as a tinker toy, might be wrapped to look like a Christmas cracker. The paper should be cut much longer than the parcel and then tied at each end closely. Then slash the ends of the paper up and fluff out at each end. Add a Christmas sticker here and there and another parcel is complete.

Baby's gifts are a delight to wrap, and for these, daintiness must be the keynote. We won't use the heavier Christmas colors for these parcels but white, silver, or some other suitable material. Blue or pink ribbons or a combination of the pastel shades might be used in tying up the parcel. Little rosettes or tiny decorated pins that could later be used on the baby's bonnet or dress might be pinned on the parcel.

The Secret of Neatness

One of the secrets of neat wrapping is to have the paper the right size for the parcel. Then you must see that the ends and corners are neatly tucked in, that it is a pleasing color scheme and that it is Christmas-like.

When the parcels are to be sent through the mail, they must be wrapped again in good stout-wrapping paper. Too much cannot be said in favor of careful wrapping of parcels, for every year thousands of parcels are lost in the mail during the Christmas rush because their wrappings have come loose. Corrugated paper is an excellent protective covering and should be used in mailing books, photographs, etc. Christmas seals may be applied to give the parcel the Christmas look, but these must be placed where they cannot interfere with the address. The address should be plainly written or better, printed neatly, and a return address should be always given.

Start early to wrap your gifts but don't try to wrap them all at once. If a few gifts are wrapped each day you will take more pleasure in the work and the task will not become laborious.

Playing Both Ends Against the Middle

One of the witnesses at a royal commission appointed to enquire into a case of alleged bribery in an election, stated that he had received \$25 to vote Conservative, and in cross-examination it was elicited that he had also received \$25 to vote Liberal.

Mr. Justice Matthew, in amazement, repeated:

"You say you received \$25 to vote Conservative?"

"Yes, my lord."

"And you also received \$25 to vote Liberal?"

"Yes, my lord."

"And for whom did you vote at the finish?" asked the astonished judge, throwing himself back in the chair.

And the witness, with injured dignity in every line of his face, answered with great earnestness:

"I voted, my lord, according to my conscience!"—Vancouver Province.

Mistletoe Magic

Some of the story that hangs around the much-used Christmas berry

By EDNA BROWN BAKER

HERE is magic in the Christmas mistletoe. When the Christmas fires crackle and dance, when the wreaths of holly and evergreen have been festooned over windows and doors, when the lights sparkle through webs of tinsel and red bells, when the long tables are laden with good cheer, when the rooms resound with the notes of happy, young laughter and the patter of light, joyous feet—then the Spirit of Magic enters into the mistletoe as it hangs, in all its glory, over the open doorway, and once again, as in the olden times, it is an invitation to love.

"A kiss for every berry," the lover may claim, just as the lovers of long ago claimed their rewards from the merry, merry maidens who danced and sang when Old England was not as old as she is today. Lucky were those maids when they found the mistletoe growing on the oak tree, for if they could cut sprays from it with a golden knife, as did the Druid priests, then true love must come with the lover's kiss.

Long ago, many years before that first Christmas morn in Bethlehem, the mistletoe was hung over doorways, not that lovers might claim kisses under it, but that those who passed under it might pledge peace and friendship to those within the dwelling.

In Scandinavian countries, mistletoe was held sacred, just as it was by the Druids, and it was the custom for enemies who met beneath it in the forest to lay down their arms until the next sunrise. Later there arose the custom of hanging it over doorways, and those who entered the home beneath it were accepted as friends. A spray of holly, hung above the door, was an invitation to the Spirits of the Forest to enter and bring good fortune.

There is a beautiful old story in Norse mythology which tells how the mistletoe became sacred to Freya, the Goddess of Love. It is a story of the death of Balder, the Sun God, and has a much happier ending than the more common version, upon which Matthew Arnold based his poem.

Balder, God of Light, son of Odin, and the beautiful Frigga, was worshipped by men and gods alike, and there was a common belief that he could not be harmed by anything on the earth or under the earth. His mother, fearing lest some harm come to her beloved son, sent her messengers over all the land for the purpose of inducing every animate and inanimate thing to register a vow never to harm Balder. They returned full of joy, for everything in the land had promised. In their haste, however, they had forgotten the mistletoe growing on the oak at the gate of Valhalla, but since it was such a puny, inoffensive thing, they did not return, as it could never harm anyone.

Loki, the friend, who hated Balder, planned to destroy him and, remembering that the mistletoe was neither on the earth or under it, he hastened to the gates of Valhalla and found it hanging on high on the oak. By his magic he fashioned a spear head from it, and returning, induced Hoder, the God of Darkness, blind brother of Balder, to shoot the arrow at Balder in sport, and to the amazement of all, he fell dead. Thereupon everything in heaven and earth mourned and wept until Freya, Goddess of Love, appeared.

Freya, the goddess beloved by maidens and wives, was believed to lend her sympathy to lovers, and it was also thought that after battles she transported the chosen slain to Folkvang, where she welcomed faithful wives and pure maidens that they might be reunited and dwell forever with their husbands and lovers.

Freya's tears—the tears of love—possessed great powers, and it was believed that they had softened rocks, trickling down to the centre of the stones, where they became pure gold.

As Freya sat mourning beside the dead God of Light her tears fell upon him and restored him to life, while

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Christmas in Norway

A review in memory of the joyous and simple celebrations of Christmas in my Homeland

By ESTHER THOMPSON

As a child I lived in an isolated valley in Norway, where we had little contact with the great world. The agricultural agent, who inspected the barns, the condition of the cattle, and gave advice, came once or twice a year. The dairy instructor came as often to observe how we made butter. A peddler, who knew all the people, having travelled in these valleys for many years, called in spring and autumn. A manual training instructor came at the close of the school year to teach the boys woodwork; and a lady came for the same period to teach the girls needlework. In the winter lecturers visited the community and spoke in our school. A few beggars from other valleys also came once or twice a year; we were glad to see them, and they were entertained with true kindness. They brought news of our friends living in distant places and greetings from them. They were, indeed, a most satisfactory medium of communication; we knew they would take to our friends news of us and greetings.

Our quiet life was only interrupted by the passing of these friendly people, a wedding and a funeral; and disturbed by a faint rumble in the distance, which announced the coming of the railway. It took many years to construct this road, as the mountains had to be hollowed out to permit it being built. In summer when the wind came from the mountains we heard explosions, and knew that the men were breaking their way through the rock.

Preparations Made in Advance

We had many festive seasons in our valley, but Christmas was of all the year the happiest time. Preparations began early in December when the shoemaker and tailor arrived to make shoes for the family and suits for the men. Goods woven in our home were sent, at the same time, to the seamstress, and we went regularly to be fitted, that we might have new dresses for the holidays. Two weeks before Christmas one or two women came to help mother to clean, bake and brew. I can remember being awakened before the break of day by people moving about in the house, and finding mother busy instructing the women where to begin the cleaning. The ceilings, walls and windows were washed, and much of the furniture, being made of wood and painted, was also washed. Later, copper kettles, pewter mugs, brass candlesticks and the silver were cleaned and polished. When the house was in order, and all things in it had been made to shine, the women went to the bakehouse to brew the Christmas ale, and bake flat bread and cream bread. As soon as this was done they came again to the house, to bake delicious Christmas cakes—syrup cakes, raisin cakes and butter cakes. In the meantime, some of the men were drawing wood from the forest, while others were sawing and splitting wood for the fires.

All members of the family, old enough to work were busy the day before Christmas. The men put away their implements and tools—they would not be needed in the holidays; rooms not filled with hay, grain or equipment were swept; and trees, branches and sticks lying about the yard were gathered and disposed of. The children carried wood into the house, until they had filled the corner beside the fireplace and all the

wood boxes. Everything which could be done before Christmas to provide for the festive occasion was done, and since it was customary to bring into the house enough wood for two weeks the children were busy. I can remember how we ran from the woodshed to the house with armfuls of wood, how we ran back, how we fell because we carried too much and could not see where we were going, and how we laughed all the time because it was Christmas. In the meantime, the women were busy in the house with the final cleaning and baking.

Everything in Readiness

In the afternoon all the barns were cleaned, and soft beds were made for the cattle, the horses, sheep, goats and pigs. The animals were fed earlier than usual, that those looking after them would have time to bathe and dress before the evening meal. Before closing the barns all were given, along with the usual feed, "the Christmas treat." The cattle were fed oat sheaves, the horses, sheep and goats were given the finest hay, and pails of meal and milk were carried to the pigs. It was no small pleasure to see the animals as comfortable and contented as they were on this night.

The birds were also provided for. A sheaf, put aside for the purpose, was fastened to the end of a pole, and was raised above the roof of the granary. When this had been done we waited for the birds; a few sparrows came; they announced their discovery of food, and in a little while all the birds about our home had gathered to enjoy the grain. It made us glad to see the birds happy.

The Important Church Service

The church bells began to toll at three o'clock in the afternoon, and were rung at regular intervals until six o'clock. The bells had a strange influence on us; they seemed a summons from God. When certain atmospheric conditions prevailed, we heard the bells from several churches, and when this happened it was with awe we listened. The church bells bid all work cease; the work I have spoken of had to be finished by three o'clock, or shortly after. The children now gathered for their bath. The men came in and began immediately to remove their garments and prepare for their bath. All members of the household changed into clean clothes and put on holiday garments. I remember being sent, while the others were bathing and dressing to the posthouse, and carrying back letters and cards bringing Christmas Greetings from distant relatives and friends, and, perhaps a letter from America—the far away country, where all the people were prosperous and happy. As soon as it was dark, candles were lit, and then we gathered about the table for the evening meal. The chief dish was "lode-fisk," (a fish) served with fresh melted butter and boiled potatoes. Later, we drank fresh ale out of pewter mugs. While we enjoyed the meal, we ate it quietly, as we had been taught to regard it as a sacred feast, in memory of the founder of Christmas. When the meal was over we sang Christmas songs. Before retiring we went out to learn what weather the morrow would bring, as we were going to church; and to look for the star which guided the Wise Men. When we were all in bed, mother moved quietly about from room to room laying out the clothes we would wear the next day.

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shone on Christmas morning, and delighted when the trees were heavy with hoar frost or new fallen snow. When this happened, we could ask nothing more, except, that no wind blow to rob the trees of their beauty. All the people who could leave home on Christmas day went to church. Those who did not live far away came on foot; the young men came on skis; the older men, women and children arrived in small sleighs drawn by one horse. On a still, bright day the ride to church was a joy! When we came to the main road we could hear sleigh bells all about us; there were sleighs ahead and sleighs following us. As we approached the church we were almost deafened with the jingle, jingle of bells and the chimes. After the service the people lingered in the entry and outside the church to shake hands and wish each other a joyous Christmas. We usually accepted an invitation to go to the home of a friend and did not get home till late in the evening. The rest of the week was spent visiting and entertaining friends, as Christmas was the time of all the year for old friends to meet. I cannot recall enjoying these visits very much; perhaps, because we were taught that little girls should be seen and not heard, and were timid among strangers. I remember, however, that my parents and their friends talked and laughed, and, that they enjoyed being together.

We did not know anything about the giving or receiving of gifts. This custom was, at that time, only observed in the communities invaded by commercialism. Of course, gifts of sugar, coffee, butter, cheese, dried meat, bread, cakes and even tobacco were sent to the poor, but only they were remembered in this tangible way. I recall mother preparing these packages, and how she remembered what each one needed most and liked best. I was sometimes sent to deliver some of these gifts, and heard the receiver bless my mother.

Argentine Crop Prospects

The following news item appeared in the Northwestern Miller, of November 18:

"Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 17—(Special cable).—The quantities of the total grain crop yields are officially estimated as follows: wheat, 234,880,000 bushels, compared with 191,433,000 last year; flaxseed, 74,670,000, compared with 51,966,000; oats, 82,680,000, compared with 50,981,000. These forecasts represent a yield of flaxseed some 16,000,000 bushels larger than the previous record crop which was harvested in 1923-24. The indicated wheat yield is the second largest on record, 247,036,000 bushels having been harvested in 1923-24. The estimated oats crop is the largest on record.

"Reaping has been commenced under favorable weather conditions in the province Cordoba and in the northern part of Santa Fe, the two districts which produced about one half of last year's crop. Rust is reported to have appeared in these districts in a severe form."

Washington estimates, published in the same issue, report the world crop at 2,953,000,000, as compared with 2,684,000,000 in 1924. It is confirmed that estimates of the Russian crop were too high. A preliminary estimate of the Australian wheat crop is 99 million bushels, compared with 164 million last year and 125 million in 1923.

Death of Mrs. Burnell

The many friends of Colin H. Burnell, president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, will sympathize deeply with him in his bereavement at the death of Mrs. Burnell, which occurred at the family home, 159 Bristol Avenue, Winnipeg, on October 27. Mrs. Burnell was born at Lion's Head, Ontario, where she spent her early days, later coming to Manitoba, where she and Mr. Burnell were married in 1912, making their home at Oakville, Man., until a year ago, when they moved into Winnipeg. Mrs. Burnell had a wide circle of friends throughout Manitoba, having accompanied her husband on many of his trips throughout the province in connection with the U.F.M. and the Pool. While

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taking no active part in organization work, Mrs. Burnell was a keen student of public questions and attended all U.F.M. activities. Her home was open at all times to workers in the various farmers' organizations and her death will be deeply regretted by all those who had come to know and appreciate her sterling qualities. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Burnell is survived by two children, Harry, aged 12 and Jean, aged five, and several brothers and sisters in Ontario.

The Art of Carving

Some matters of importance to the host who will have to deal with the Christmas turkey

By MARY C. MOXAN

WITHOUT doubt Christmas dinner is the crowning feast of the year, and always the centre of attraction is the lordly bird, which the housewife places so proudly before the host. The wonderfully enticing odor, the nicely browned skin and the garnishes, all serve to attract the attention of the guests. But when the carving begins the host becomes the cynosure of all eyes and he is fortunate indeed if he can carve in a skilful and praiseworthy fashion. Many a host has had his own Christmas dinner quite spoiled by all the horror of anticipation of the terrible task which lies before him—that of carving the turkey.

Carving is indeed a difficult art. The best way to learn is from a good carver. For those who find such a method of learning impossible, help may be gained by following directions and studying diagrams. The carver should have a knowledge of the bird's anatomy, as it is impossible to carve well unless one knows where the joints are. Study the bird before cooking and the fingers will find out much about this. Take part in the drawing and trussing of the bird, and see that the preparation is such that the carving will be made as easy as possible. For instance, when the lower leg and feet are cut off, the tendons from the drumstick should be removed with them. To do this cut the legs around just below the knee joint, being careful not to cut through the tendons. Lay the cut at the edge of the table, press down sharply to break the bone and pull. The tendons should come away with the foot or lower leg. If the bird is old they will not come so easily and then a metal skewer may be used to draw them out.

If the wish-bone is removed before cooking carving is easier. After removing crop and windpipe and cutting off the neck lay back the skin, turn the bird on its back and cut the attachments of the wish-bone. Separate the bone from the flesh and remove it. This will not mean any cutting of the skin except at the back of the neck and the bird will carve to very much better advantage.

The Carver and His Tools

The bird should be well trussed so that the thighs are drawn close to the body, and place the wings so that the tips twist towards the back and fold under it holding the skin of the neck in place.

The carver cannot do good work without good tools. A long blade is needed if the breast is to be sliced nicely and of course the knife must be very sharp. A long two-tined fork is also a necessity. The platter should be large enough to hold not only the bird but the meat as it is carved.

The carver sits or stands according to preference. The platter should be near enough so that there is no need to turn the bird. Place the bird with the neck to the left, the drumsticks to the right. The first step is the removing of the leg, both the drumstick and second joint. Begin carving by thrusting the

fork firmly into the breast; cut through the skin, making a clean cut down next the body to the second joint. If there is difficulty in finding the joint, with the flat side of the knife bend back the leg and thigh so as to expose the joint. With the tip of the knife cut through the joint. The side bone may come away with the second joint. If it does not, it can be cut by cutting the skin above the second joint, pressing the knife close to the backbone, cutting along the edge and prying the bone off. Remove the wing next, being careful to take none of the breast with it.

Points in Serving

The leg may be carved at this stage or left until after the breast is carved. The leg of a large bird such as a turkey is never served whole, and since many people like dark as well as white meat, this part of the carving should not be neglected. First, separate the drumstick from the second joint, and then slice both leg and thigh into three or four pieces. (This is where the advantage of having the tendons removed will be noticed). The wing of a turkey is also quite fleshy and may be cut into halves for serving, since this flesh is by many considered to be the best flavored portion of the whole turkey.

Carving the breast is probably the easiest part of the performance but is often very poorly done. Insert the fork firmly up to the guard, if possible, across the middle of the breastbone and do not remove until the carving is done. The bird is thus held firmly and turned as needed by the left hand. In slicing begin just above the wing and slant a little from the front of the breast bone down towards the wing. This means cutting across the grain rather than with it. Slice evenly and thinly. From a large turkey (12 to 14 pounds) about 10 fine slices can be procured from each side of the breast.

The Completed Task

If more than one side of the turkey must be carved to meet the needs of the large family gathering, it will be wise to start the serving at this stage of the carving. Then the other side may be carved while the first plates are being filled with the vegetables, gravy and cranberry jelly. When serving, unless the guest expresses a preference, the host places both white meat and dark along with a spoonful of "stuffing" on each plate.

This is as far as carving is usually carried at the table although there will still be quite a lot of meat on the back of the carcass. This may be cut away later and used in stew or as a creamed dish.

The turkey is one of the easiest birds to carve as both goose and duck present a much more difficult problem since the joints are in different places and the carcass is more thinly covered with meat. In any case carving is an art and the host who carves with skill should receive much praise for contributing in a large measure to the success of the Christmas dinner.



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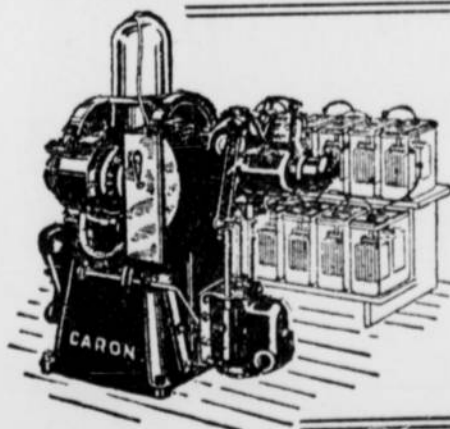
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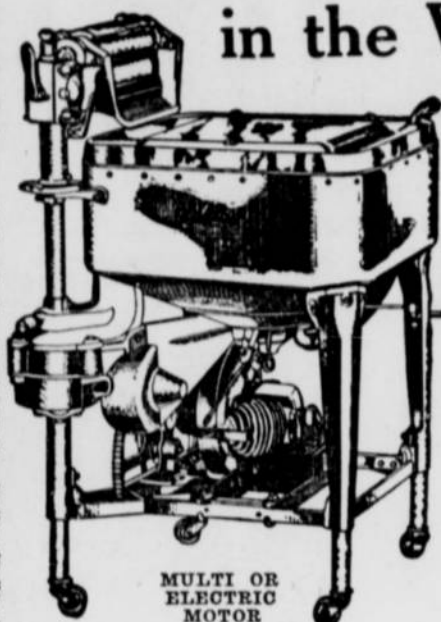
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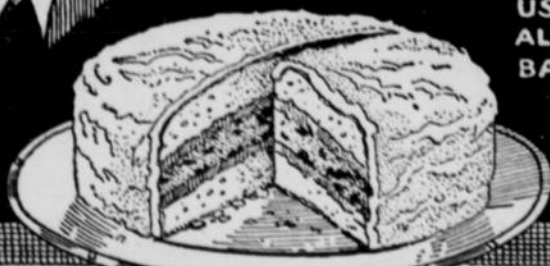
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Decorations for Christmas

Some home-made articles for dressing up the house
to help create the Christmas spirit

By JEAN E. SOUTH

It is sometimes rather difficult to catch the true Christmas spirit, the joy of loving and giving. It lies with the busy mother in the house to create this atmosphere, to encourage the children to help, to suggest what to do and to show them how to make gifts and decorations for this holiday time.

Preparations should be started several weeks ahead for it is not enough to give and receive presents and to consume a dinner. Those features alone will not make a Happy Christmas. There are finer details to be observed.

Some days before, your home should be smiling a "Merry Greeting" to all passing and to help this the custom of adding a little decoration to the exterior to match the cheery atmosphere inside is becoming more common and sometimes a small tree at the entrance, as well as a wreath on the door or windows, are used to give the note of good cheer.

Inside the entrance, the hall and stairway offer many possibilities for decorations. On each side little spruce trees packed into lard or candy pails, painted red, may be placed and ropes of spruce or evergreens made by the younger members hung over pictures and door warp. It is easy to make these ropes if evergreens grow nearby. Use a strong twine dyed green for a foundation, stretch it from door knob to door knob and the small pieces of evergreen at intervals of two inches, using the same twine.

Articles Which Can Be Made

Small wire or wooden hoops painted green form the foundation for Christmas wreaths or garlands, or picture wire can be used to tie a wreath into shape. Paint six cones with gold paint and wire and tie them into two bunches of three each, place one each side of the red bow on the wreath. This bow looks very well made of red crepe or tissue paper or of cheese cloth dyed.

As evergreens are sometimes not available, a rope can be made of red and green crepe paper. Cut two long strips about 1½ inches wide of each color, paste the two ends together at right angles (Diagram 1), then fold A across to B to the left, AB across A to the top, A back to the right and B down; continue until the whole length has been folded, paste or pin the ends together and open out, the result will be a rope of two colors that will keep its shape.

To make a wreath, cut a ring out of cardboard, the desired size, and about 2½ inches wide to form the basis for the wreath, wind with green crepe paper two inches wide and pad with soft paper while winding. Cut a long strip of the same crepe paper 2¼ inches wide and gather on a thread less than one-quarter inch from one edge (this can be done on the sewing machine), paste the end to the top of the ring and wind it round and round, hiding the gathered edge beneath each row, and finishing with a red bow. A small red bell or star might be hung inside the wreath.

Another way is to cut holly leaves out of plain green paper three inches long and 1½ inches wide, paste them alternately inside and outside the green ring. Small circles can be cut from red paper and grouped to represent berries (Diagram 2.) Sometimes the children can color paper

for leaves and berries with their school crayons.

Bells can be made cheaply of red crepe paper. For one five inches deep cut across grain of paper 13 inches long and ten inches wide, fold in two lengthwise, paste the ends together and leave to dry. The tongue can be made of soft paper, rolled in a ball and covered with red crepe paper, tied with a red string to the top of the bell (cut edges) which is gathered around it and the string hidden with a small piece of crepe paper. Put fingers inside the bell and stretch the gathers at the top to give the real bell shape, then stretch and turn out the bottom.

Table Must Be Christmasy

The table itself must look Christmasy in its setting and decoration, however simple, but there is no season of the year that affords more opportunities for decorating the table effectively.

Evergreen with some red crepe paper decorations is always charming against a white background. A little tree in the centre, or the top cut off a Christmas tree is pretty, and if the family is small many of the gifts can be placed under and around it and tied with a narrow red ribbon to place cards. Red candles are, of course, a necessary addition but enough candlesticks are not always to be found. Pine cones will serve instead, if a hole large enough is made at the top (Diagram 3), or sometimes very cheap tin candle holders can be bought for 15c. These could be painted green with ordinary house paint.

A pretty centre decoration is a wreath suspended from the chandelier by four scarlet ribbons, hanging at different lengths from the wreath are gifts, each wrapped in white tissue paper and tied with the ribbon. A rope of evergreen or crepe paper is sometimes festooned around the white table cloth just below the edge, where it will not interfere with the diners.

Many pretty place cards can be designed for Christmas. The poinsetta with leaves made in crepe paper and card for name tied on. Santa Claus figure in cardboard, colored with school crayons, or a tree if the centre piece is a tree. This is cut from two pieces of green paper five inches square, each folded on dotted line and cut out in shape of one-half of the tree (Diagram 4), the two folded edges are slightly touched with glue and placed back to back and the little four-sided tree will stand in front of each plate. Decorate it with touches of artificial snow put on with paste.

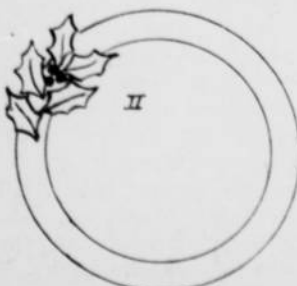
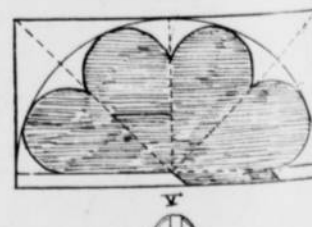
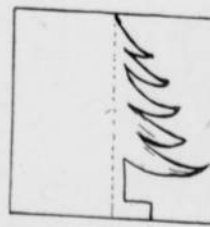
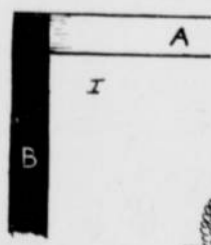
The Important Christmas Tree

Much of the beauty of the tree depends upon its lighting, but when small children are present, it is often dangerous to use candles; however, a very gay effect can be obtained by the use of glittering trimmings many of which can be made at home.

Children love to cut out from cardboard shapes of stars, bells, rings, triangles, circles, etc., to hang on the tree, spread them with flour paste and dip them in Santa Claus snow.

They can also make ropes of peanuts for stringing on the tree and paint them with silver or gold radiator paint; festoons of cranberries, and strings of beads of flour and salt colored with red ink or

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A New Year's Party

Some suggestions as to what to serve for the supper
By NELLIE REGAN

WITH the coming of the New Year, good resolutions are in order. One resolution that comes quite naturally after the Christmas festivities, is to economize. But—we simply must have a New Year party! After that, why then, we will begin to economize.

But the party need not be an expensive affair. Of course, it may range anywhere from a very informal party to a banquet; but it is the informal party I have in mind, and I am supposing that the housewife must make all her own preparations. By using some of the following recipes, the refreshments may be prepared ahead, so that the hostess may be free to entertain her guests, and not embarrass them nor herself by undue hurry in their presence. By planning and good management, the feast for such a party can be made to appear as if by magic. The hostess slips quietly away, and presto! before the guests have had time to miss her, she is offering them the most delicious and appetizing of dishes. No fuss, no muss; everyone merry, and the hostess happy in her guests' appreciation of the good things she has provided for their pleasure.

Simplicity Should be Key Note

If you plan to have the supper served in the dining-room, keep the decorations simple. Simplicity is the keynote of good taste. A centrepiece and plate mats may be used for the table. Or a large white cloth and bowl of flowers, or a pretty embroidered lunch cloth is also suitable. An attractive color combination for the table is green and white. This admits of very inexpensive decoration.

However, the supper may be a "handed around" feast. But that is for the housewife to decide. For this, sandwiches are most appropriate; but one may serve salad, cake, nuts, fruit, candies, stuffed figs or dates, coffee, chocolate, iced drinks, fruit punch, ice cream.

With ice cream it is best to serve small cakes or cookies and not cut cake. Here is a suggested menu for such a supper:

Sweetbread and Celery Salad
Assorted Sandwiches
Stuffed Olives. Tiny Pickles
Plain Vanilla Ice Cream
Fancy Cakes. Fruit Cake
Coffee

The sweetbread salad is made of cold sweetbreads and celery cut into dice and covered with mayonnaise. A few chopped nut meats may be added if desired.

Instead of the sweetbread salad, one of the following may be preferred:

Chicken Salad—Mix together one and a half cups of cold cooked chicken, cut in cubes, three-quarters of a cup of chopped walnut meats, half a cup of French peas, and one cup of chopped celery. Chill thoroughly. Moisten with mayonnaise dressing and garnish with strips of canned red pepper.

Another Chicken Salad—Cut small one and a half cups of cold cooked chicken, three hard-boiled eggs and one cup of stoned olives. Add half a cup of chopped celery. Moisten with mayonnaise.

An Attractive Cream Cheese Salad—Break up two cream cheeses, and mix with two dozen olives and six pimentos, both chopped rather fine. Press this into a pan and put on ice. When ready to use, cut the mixture into fine strips and serve on lettuce with French dressing.

Ideas for Sandwiches

For sandwiches the bread should be at least a day old, and should be cut in very thin slices. Cream the butter before spreading, and if you are using mustard for seasoning, cream it with the butter. Sandwiches may be kept moist by wrapping them in a dampened napkin and keeping in a cool place. Cut into dainty shapes just before serving. Some of the following fillings may appeal to you:

Mock Pate de Foie Gras—Mash together equal quantities of sardines, freed from skin and bone, and cream

cheese. Spread on entire wheat bread.

Indian Sandwiches—Remove skin and bone from two sardines, pound to a paste, add a teaspoon of anchovy paste and a dash of salt and red pepper. Now rub in the hard-boiled yolks of six eggs and two tablespoons of olive oil.

Novelty Filling—Chop fine, one small onion, nine olives, one green pepper, and one chow-chow pickle. Mix with these, one cup of grated cheese and enough mustard dressing from the chow-chow to form a paste.

Mock Crab Filling—To a half cup of grated cheese, add four tablespoons of creamed butter, half a teaspoon each of salt, paprika and mustard, one teaspoon each of anchovy paste and vinegar, and two tablespoons of chopped olives.

Anchovy Cheese—To a half cup of cottage cheese, add two teaspoons of anchovy essence, a little paprika and two tablespoons of finely chopped parsley.

Turkey Filling—Mix together, cold minced turkey meat, a little lemon juice, butter, salt and pepper and chopped olives.

Picnic Filling—For every cup of grated cheese, add a tablespoon of butter, one teaspoon of dry mustard, one teaspoon of sugar, and a little salt and red pepper. Blend these well together with a fork, then add vinegar, a little at a time, until you have a paste that will spread easily. This keeps well if packed in a glass jar. Tomato sauce or any other sauce can be used instead of the vinegar.

Egg Filling—Two or three hard-boiled eggs will make quite a number of sandwiches prepared in this way: Grate hard-boiled eggs on a coarse grater into a basin; season with salt and pepper and moisten with salad dressing.

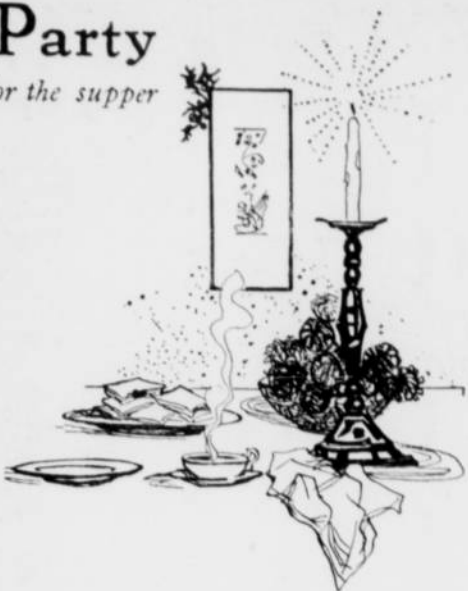
Have Some Dainty Cakes

And now for some dainty, small cakes. I have met few persons who know how to make the famous Banbury puffs, or cakes, as they are sometimes called. These are well worth the trouble of making if you want something a little out of the ordinary.

English Banbury Puffs—For the filling, beat to a cream a quarter of a pound of butter and two ounces of sugar. Add a quarter of a pound each of candied lemon and orange peel, shredded and chopped as fine as possible; one pound of currants, washed, dried and picked over; a quarter of an ounce of ground cinnamon, and half that quantity of powdered allspice. Mix thoroughly and keep in a covered jar for use as required.

To make the puffs, have ready some puff paste, or flakey crust. Roll out the paste to about half an inch thick, cut into the desired number of pieces, roll each piece again until it becomes twice the size; put some Banbury meat on one side, fold the other over it, and flatten the top gently with the hand, but do not seal the edges. Brush the tops with white of egg and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a moderate oven till a delicate brown.

Chocolate Petits Fours—Cream a quarter of a cup of butter, add gradually a half cup of sugar and three eggs, well beaten; add three squares of melted chocolate, one cup of stale bread crumbs, three tablespoons of flour, and one teaspoon



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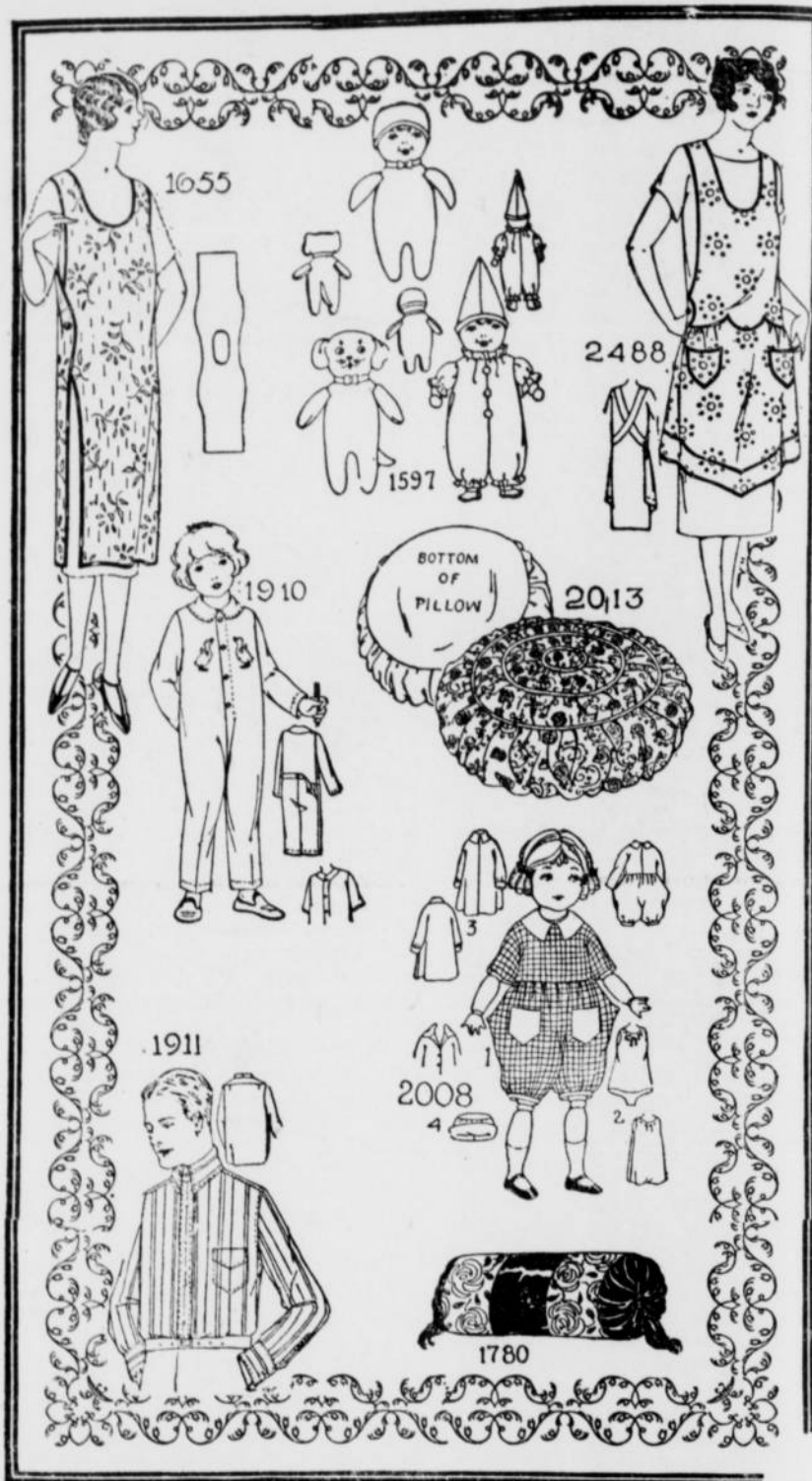
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of vanilla. Spread in a shallow baking pan and bake in a moderate oven. The cake should be about one-fourth inch in thickness when baked. Allow the cake to remain in the pan until cool, then cut with a round cutter, one inch in diameter. Put together in pairs with frosting between and on top.

Calla Lily Oatmeal Snaps—Heat a half cup of molasses with one-third

of a cup of butter, to boiling point and add gradually, while stirring constantly, one and a half cups of rolled oats, one-third of a cup of flour, two-thirds of a cup of sugar and one teaspoon of vanilla. Drop from tip of spoon on to a buttered baking sheet three inches apart. Bake in a slow oven, cool slightly, then shape in the form of calla lily blossoms.

Ideas for Gifts



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No. 2013—Round Pillow. The modern housewife would like a gift of a round pillow like this for Xmas for her living-room. Cretonne, velvet or tapestry are suitable materials. Cut in one size only and requires 1½ yards 36-inch material with ½ yard 18-inch for bottom.

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Nut Wafers—Mix five level table-spoons of sifted flour with a pinch of baking powder and a quarter of a teaspoon of salt; add half a pound of light brown sugar, a cup of English walnut meats, broken into bits but not chopped, and two eggs. Beat well together, spread thinly over well buttered tins and bake in a moderate oven till pale brown. When cold cut into strips and remove from pan.

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Almond Tartlets—Line patty pans with pastry, put a little jam in each shell and cover with the following mixture. Cream together one table-spoon of sugar and two of butter; add a table-spoon of ground rice, two well beaten eggs, and a few drops of almond essence. Put a cross of pastry on the top of each tartlet and bake in a good oven.

Tea Table Cookies—Stir one-half cup of butter, seven table-spoons of powdered sugar, and the yolks of three eggs till creamy. Mix in one cup of shredded almonds and one and a half cups of finely-sifted flour. Roll out the dough to one-eighth inch thickness, cut with a round cutter, brush with yolk of egg and a little milk, and bake on floured tins.

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Decorations for Christmas

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cochineal. A dozen of these beads strung about an inch apart with knots in between are pretty pendants to hang on the tips of the branches.
Snow balls made of cotton wool, sprinkled with artificial snow strung one on a string will make the tree attractive before the gifts are added. Oranges, apples and candy sticks can be attached the same way.
Long strips of red or white crepe paper, two inches wide, folded and cut in 1½ in. fringe, the tips touched with paste and artificial snow and twined on the branches as well as a large silver or gold star at the top of the tree will look effective.
Strings of flat bells of different sizes cut from plain red paper by the younger children. Sprays of Poinsetta from

crepe paper by the older children and Christmas baskets of twisted red and green paper.
An ornamental candy basket is made from two colors of paper pasted together. Use paper six inches by ten inches, cut in a semi-circle with fancy edge (Diagram 5). Crease along dotted lines and paste flap on inside. Attach two handles about half-inch wide and 12 inches long; a thread at the top to hang it on to the tree completes this little basket.
Christmas tree ornaments may be made larger or smaller than the measurements given and various color combinations can be used such as red, white and black, yellow, white and orange or mauve, blue, white and green or black.
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Gift Books for Children

Some of the proved and trusted stories that should find a place in the Christmas stocking

By GERTRUDE HENRY LENNOX

IN discussing on this page a list of books for boys and girls of all ages my first thought was directed to the favorites of my own childhood, but on looking over the book shelves in the stores I found many of these missing. So in order that no one may be disappointed this Christmas, only those books that appear in the western shops are listed below.

Books for the newest listeners come first, and here we find a world of new joy in jingles and stories to suit all tastes and temperaments. Mother Goose Rhymes, always illustrated and in many new guises, for children from three to nine years.

In company with Mother Goose is a great host of friends, some of whose names are Mother Let Me Do It, Old, Old Tales Retold, Honey Bear, Six Who Were Left in a Shoe, the story by Padraic Colum, who not long ago found out just what became of not only The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, but also Wuff, her dog; Malkin, her cat; Speckie, the little speckled hen; Coe-ey, the lone pigeon; a goose who was called Old Mother Gabble, and a goat who had no name at all, so he tells it all in this book.

Others in this sunny happy list are Over The Rainbow Bridge, Children at Play in Many Lands, Raggedy Anne's Alphabet, and Raggedy Andy's Number Book, The Cat Whose Whiskers Slipped, being the record of the cat who couldn't keep his nose out of gopher holes. One day when the gophers grabbed his whiskers and pulled so hard, his whiskers slipped. If you ever had your whiskers on sideways you know how the world looked to poor puss from then on. A series of similar stories full of real fun for the wee folks are The Dog Who Lost His Wag, The Robin Who Lost His Song, and The Firefly Who Scattered Sparks, and a fairy book called Deenie Folks and Friends of Theirs, and a Circus Book very elaborately illustrated called Little Bine, the Circus Boy. The older ones on this group will revel in reading for themselves Aesop's Fables in Rhyme, for little philosophers, Reynard the Fox and Other Fables, American Indian Fairy Stories, Katrina and Jan, The Magic Garden, The Pansy Patch (these latter two with moral education and manners as the unconscious point of the tale). Once Upon a Time Tales, The Shepherd of Us all, and Tell Me a Hero Story, three very valuable books called, Lets Play, by Anna Geister, full of play and fun for all the children, and another Suppose We Play—are quite new and suggestive.

Stories to be Read Aloud

For the parents who read and tell stories to children under 10 are Miss Muffet's Christmas Party, by Dr. Crothers; The Story of a Short Life, by Mrs. Gwing; The Black Cats and the Tinker's Wife; The Little Grey Goose, Lefevre. Besides the memorizing of familiar hymns, psalms and school poetry is the treasured verse of Robert Louis Stevenson in his Garden of Verse; and A. A. Milne's When We Were Very Young; exquisitely appealing poems of and for children.

Between this group and the early 'teen-age group is the real fairy-tale, adventure and hero stage of child-life. Into this time comes one of the largest lists of books that remain forever treasured in the hearts of all of us. Beginning with Peter Pan and Alice in Wonderland, we go back to many old favorites all in new dress, re-edited and pictured; among them The Pilgrim's

Progress, Arabian Nights, The Prince and The Pauper, Huckleberry Finn, Sir Ludar, The Burgess Animal Stories, The Burgess Bird Stories, Old Mother West-Wind, Robinson Crusoe, Water Babies, Jack and Jill, Robin Hood, King Arthur and is Round Table, The Story of Bayard, The Dog of Flanders, Twilight Land, The Wonder Clock, where we all put on the dream cap and step into Wonderland.

Another realm of childhood is found in the perfect stories of Kenneth Groome, called The Golden Age and Dream Days, and Hugh Lofting's unsurpassed understanding of the boy in his four really

great stories of Dr. Doolittle, The Voyages of Dr. Doolittle, Dr.

Doolittle's Post Office, and Dr. Doolittle's Circus. One sentence is enough to predict the joy of the child on reading, "Besides the gold-fish in the pond at the bottom of the garden he had rabbits in the pantry, white mice in his piano, a squirrel in the linen-closet and a hedge-hog in the cellar." Beginning with this period of a child's life, history and natural science may unconsciously become one of his early loves when introduced by such series as Highroads to History, Stories of the Patriarchs, Old Greek Heroes, and what is known in the bookstores as The Every Child Should Know Series, containing practically all of an historical background possibly for the children before high school age. These are popularly written and well illustrated and very reasonable in price. Some of the many titles are Birds Every Child Should Know, Folk Tales Every Child Should Know, Trees Every Child Should Know, Water Wonders Every Child Should Know, Pictures Every Child Should Know, Wild Flowers Every Child Should Know.

Titles A Plenty for All Ages

In this section we also get for girls such books as The Patsy Books, a series of girl stories continued through several volumes. Of the same sort are The Outdoor Girls, The Camp-Fire Girls, The Abbey Girls, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, the forerunner of our own Canadian Anne of Green Gables series, of which there are now six, and from the same author, L. M. Montgomery, the Emily books. Closely linking this age with the following 'teen-age period belongs the books of adventure beloved alike by both boys and girls. Some of the best of these stories are found in the various Annuals which hold such a mine of happy hours for all of us. Some of these are The Boy's Own Annual, Canadian Boy's Annual, Chums, The Scout. There are also those for girls of corresponding titles. Here belongs Kipling's Two Jungle Books, edited now in one volume, Scottish Chiefs, by Jane Porter, which seems to be a favorite amongst the older boys' memory of boyhood books. Also the four Pollyanna books or the Glad Books for everyone, Little Lord Fauntleroy and The Princess, two stories by Mrs. Burnett, always necessary on the family shelf. Some others equally popular are Polly Oliver's Problem, by Kate Douglas Wiggin, and When Sarah Went to School, by Elsie Singmaster, and especially Andrew Lang's 24 volumes of Fairy Stories being an introduction to the mythology of the world.

The Older Boys and Girls

As we step into the wonderland of the 'teen-age we are never quite sure what is wanted, but what is to be had suitable for the necessary mental memory shelf is what the bookstore

seems to be able to tell us. Here are a few titles for all to choose. To begin with now is the time to specialize on our own writers if we are to be really informed Canadian citizens later on. Lost in the Backwoods or The Canadian Crusoes, by Mrs. Traill, Roughing It in The Bush, by Mrs. Moody; Wacousta, by Major John Richardson, a story of the time when the famous Indian Chief Pontiac attempted to capture Fort Detroit in 1763, Lords of the North and Heralds of Empire, by Agnes Laut, and the prize novel by Gordon Grahame, The Bond Triumphant, are at least a beginning, later on to be followed by William Kirby's Golden Dog, supposed by the

critics to be our one great and truly Canadian novel. Famous Canadian Stories retold by Leslie Horner are more valuable in the family library than we know, since this volume is really loved by boys and girls of all ages.

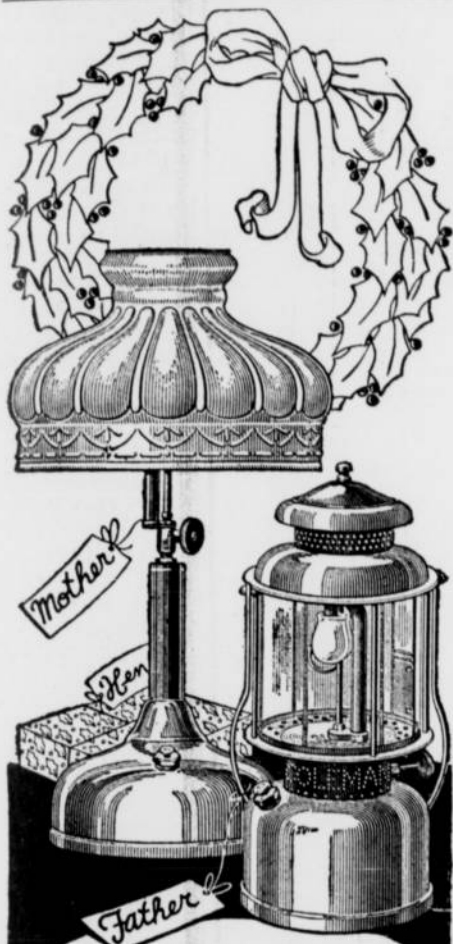
Here, too, come in our two great writers of animal stories, Ernest Thompson Seton and Charles G. D. Roberts, whose stories are among the first Canadian tales to be read by children of other lands and speaking other tongues than ours. Both these writers occupy places of prominence on the book-shop shelf. Here belong other animal stories such as the favorites Black Beauty and Beautiful Joe, and now from South Africa comes a wonderful new story of a dog, Jock of the Bushveldt, by Sir Percy Fitzpatrick. Another new Canadian is The Shannon's Revenge, by Sefansson, our own Canadian Viking. This is not an animal story, but a dramatic picture of the Arctic North with an Eskimo boy as hero. Other favorites on our 'teen-age shelf are John Halifax Gentleman, Ivanhoe, The Talisman, Waverley, Oliver Twist, David Copperfield. Scott and Dickens are to be had in abridged form much enjoyed by all; also in this shortened form popular with the boys and girls we find The Tower of London, by Harrison Ainsworth, and Hereward the Wake, by Charles Kingsley. Again we find such adventures as Jules Verne's Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, and Ben Hur, by Lew Wallace.

The Wonder Series

Here appear also the Wonder Book Series, amongst the most popular gift books for boys and girls, the Wonder Book of the Navy, of Aircraft, of Ships, of Children, of-Railways, of Animals, of Science; the Story-book of Birds and Beasts, the Story-book of Fields, the Story-book of Science. These last three are by Fabre, and are illustrated, and an asset to any 'teen-age boy or girl. In another row we behold Bulwer Lytton's The Last Days of Pompeii; Conan Doyle's The White Company; M. M. Dodge's Hans Brinker or The Silver Skates; George MacDonald's At The Back of the Northwind; Charles Kingsley's Westward Ho!; and Stevenson's Treasure Island; all classics of a kind our youth will always demand.

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Before leaving this suggestion for Christmas gift books let us not forget our poetry and our Bible Stories—family books for everyone. Two small volumes of verse selected from standard writers; It Can Be Done, Poems of Inspiration and Facing Forward, Poems of Courage. Flight Commander Storvick, by Marion Osborne, a book of verses for children, and for grown-ups who have the childlike mind; it is a book of charming presentations from the child's viewpoint. All our boys and girls should own a volume of Bliss Carman's poems, either Later Poems or Ballads and Lyrics. A new volume of Bible stories by Theodora Wilson, called The Precious Gift, tells the story in the very way we all might crave to be able to present them to the children. And lastly, let us put into some Christmas stockings one of the Masterpieces in Color series. Each book has eight reproductions of pictures of the artist under discussion, with a sketch on his life and work. Thirty-eight artists are included in this series of which some are, Botticelli, Constable, Gainsborough, Watts, Sargent, Rubens, Millet, Raphael, Rembrandt, Titian, Turner, Whistler and Van Dyck.



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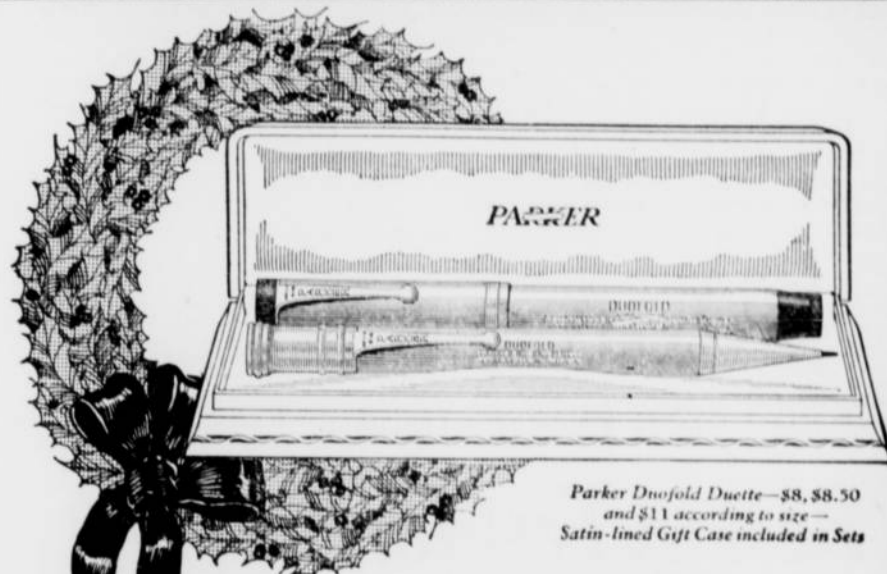
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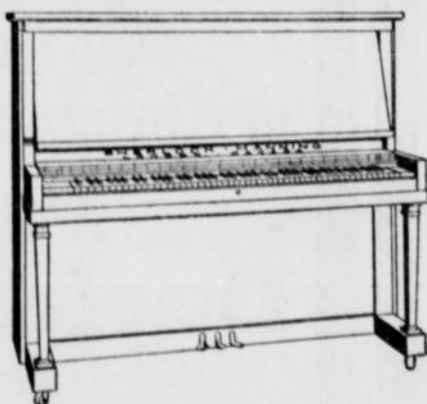


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By EDNA I. LEGRAND

ALL the busy elves in Toyland put their many, many small heads together, and thought, and thought, and THOUGHT themselves nearly into a headache. But it really seemed as if the new idea they were looking for was having a merry game of hide-and-seek with them and refused to be caught. If it hadn't been for Jumps and Juno, the two cleverest elves in Toyland, capturing that tantalizing idea and turning it into a jolly plan, those elves, no doubt, would be thinking yet.

How to give Santa Claus a very special before-Christmas surprise, that was the question. "We could have a surprise birthday party, buy a present, and invite some of our favorite story-book children as guests. How would you like that?" queried Jumps, the spokesman, one night early in November, as he gleefully unfolded their wonderful plan to the rest of the eagerly curious elves.

"Hurray! what a fine plan." The elves enthusiastically clapped their hands and started asking questions at once. Indeed, there was such a clamor that Jumps and Juno had to put their hands over their ears to shut out the racket.

"Attention, everybody!" Jumps hopped up on a chair and laughingly held up his hand for silence. "Listen to the rest of the plan. The gift we're thinking of buying will cost heaps of money and no doubt will take every penny in our savings-banks, but we won't mind that when it's for our very own Santa. We'll also have to hurry and count our savings if we are to send right away to the city for the present, for Juno and I thought it would be fine to have it delivered the very night of the party, so as to be a complete surprise."

"And," supplemented Juno, quickly, "we thought it would be heaps of fun, too, to invite the story-book children over the wireless. That would give them plenty of time in which to travel here, and also save us the bother of writing out invitations."

"But Jumps and Juno," puzzled one small elf, "you have set no date for your before-Christmas party. Are you sure, anyway, that Santa has a birthday between now and Christmas? He'd have to have one then, wouldn't he? if we are to give him the pleasure of using it Christmas eve, so as to bring joy to very far-away children? My goodness!" Here his face fell at the very thought. "Maybe Santa hasn't a birthday at all, for he always stays the same age, and birthdays do make people older, we all know that."

"Oh! but Santa has to have a birthday or he wouldn't be here. Everybody has to have one," Jumps hastened to assure the questioning faces turned to his. "However," he added more thoughtfully, "Juno and I did overlook the date, we were so busy planning about the party, and truth to tell we do not know when Santa's birthday really is. Wouldn't it be awful if he was born in the summer time, for instance, then our beautiful before-Christmas surprise would be utterly spoiled." Jumps gave a funny little groan of dismay, which caused every elf to look as glum as if the sky were about to tumble upon their unlucky heads.

"I have it! I have it!" Jumps, in his delight, hopped up and down. "Let's ask Father Time. He knows all about

birthdays. Juno and I could pay him a visit this very night and find out all he knows about Santa Claus. We could be back early in the morning quite easily and nobody'd be the wiser. In the meantime the rest of you elves could get busy and count the money in our banks to see if we have enough to buy the gift, for I have an idea that we're going to have that party after all." So, hoping for the best, the two Toylanders started forth on their unusual quest, leaving their friends to await their return as patiently as they might.

Through the great forest they hurried to where, on its farthest side, dwelt Father Time in his Land-of-Pleasant Memories, by the Sea-of-Forgetfulness, which shone like a great turquoise jewel in the distance.

Cordially he greeted the travelers, but doubtfully shook his old grey head when

told the reason for their visit.

"I'm afraid," said he, as he opened his great book of birthdays, "that I cannot give you the exact date of Santa's birthday, as unfortunately all records of his birth were destroyed by envious folk who did not like his generous gifts to the needy. However," he hastened to add, noticing the crestfallen faces on either side of him, "there is something in this book, I think, about a make-believe birthday, which I am sure would suit you as well. He turned to a page of quaint, script-like writing and, with lean finger tracing the lines, proceeded to read. "Ah, yes, here it is." He paused with a satisfied smile, then peered at Jumps and Juno over his glasses. "You see," he explained, "Santa Claus' friends did not like the idea of his having no birthday of his own, so they chose December 6 as his own special day, and it has always been called the Day of Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus' Day ever since. So now you can go ahead with your party, and please give Santa my very best wishes."

"December sixth, hooray!
Is Santa Claus' day,"

chorused Jumps and Juno exultantly, as they hurried back to Toyland with their good news, determining in their minds, however, to ask Santa after the party to explain a couple of questions that still puzzled them about things they did not have time to ask Father Time himself to make clear.

If Santa Claus had not been so busy with the Christmas toys he must surely have noticed the mysterious actions of his many small helpers, for you wouldn't believe how many things had necessarily to be arranged for that party.

The very first thing they did, of course, was to despatch their money to the city for the purchase of the gift, with explicit instructions for its arrival on the night of December 6, no sooner or later. So with that off their minds they were able to turn their entire attention to the guests of the evening; and such a time as those elves had trying to decide just the very ones to ask out of the many, many names of favorite story-book children suggested. The ten who finally were chosen accepted their novel wireless invitations with such joy that each started planning a gift for Santa at once.

At last dawn of December 6 found the Toylanders all in readiness for the party, with not a single item missing that a really bona fide birthday party should have; decorations, birthday-



cake and all; with every Toylander on tippy-toe expectation throughout the long, busy hours of the day, feeling quite sure that seven o'clock would never arrive and with it Santa Claus, as Jumps and Juno had planned.

"Thumpety, thump, thump;" every elf and guest waiting in the darkened room of the elf's house for Santa's arrival on the evening of his birthday felt their hearts beating just like that. In fact, they went "thumpety, thumpety, bumpety, bump," oh so fast, when footsteps were heard on the walk and their very own Santa finally stood blinking in the doorway, a very much astonished and surprised old Santa Claus.

"Hurrah!" Every elf in mad delight capered around their bewildered chief and sang in utter abandon:

"A happy, happy birthday,
For you, dear Santa Claus;
And many years of blessing,
We sing with great applause."

And "A happy, happy birthday," joyously echoed the story-book guests, hidden away in a corner of the room for a further surprise. But when at a sign from Jumps and Juno they, too, surrounded Santa Claus, his joy was complete as they all ring-a-ring-a-rosied afresh round the room to finally scramble in happy disorder about him as he dropped into a big chair 'neath a beautiful holly and mistletoe bell, while endeavoring to embrace all his little friends at once. If there wasn't Tiny Tim, crutch and all, happy in his carefully patched clothes; brave little Nell, her bright curls bobbing over her neat pinafore; Oliver Twist, a perfect little gentleman in his brand new suit of clothes; demure Alice-in-Wonderland, in a blue silk frock; Heidi and Peter from the far-away Swiss mountains, the former arrayed in her grand Frankfurt clothes, and the latter very self-conscious in his new home-spun suit and shiny, buckled shoes. There was Cinderella, oh! a wonderfully pretty cinderella, with the daintiest of shoes peeping from 'neath her silver and lace dress, and lost in admiration was none other than the handsome Prince Charming, his youth and grace shining in a suit of blue satin. Then, last of all, dear, funny Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, gazing in awe and admiration at Cinderella and the Prince's lovely clothes, for they had never seen the like before and no doubt never would again.

"O dear, deary me!" sighed Santa in blissful enjoyment, "this surprise business will be the death of me, and who, I'd like to know, invited you young scalawags to come here," he asked in mock severity and with twinkling eyes.

"Your elves asked us, and so we're here," asserted Tiny Tim boldly, with his arms tight around Santa's neck, while all the rest chuckled with delight, "and we've all brought you a birthday present; see! here's mine," and Tim produced from his pocket a much handled package and thrust it into Santa Claus' hand; the others also fairly overwhelming him with their offerings of love.

"Hold on!" cried he, "I want to get a good look at each one separately, so now, one at a time, and you, Tiny Tim, may be the first." So, beginning with the little lover of the true Christmas spirit, Santa Claus, of Toyland, received on his birthday, gifts that have enabled him to bring joy and blessing to the world ever since.

For Tiny Tim's gift was none other than the wishbone from Mr. Scrooge's turkey, which Santa Claus was to understand was for "luck;" and Little Nell, producing from the pocket of her pinafore a tiny package, told him that it contained the "Holly-berry-tea-of-happiness and good wishes," all the way from Paraguay, and which her grandfather had sent her from his Old Curiosity Shop. A magic mushroom from Wonderland was Alice's gift, which, she explained, would make Santa small enough to go down any chimney if he took a bite on the right side, and on taking a bite on the other would become his normal size again; it worked beautifully for she had tried it. Oliver Twist brought a birthday book from old Mr. Brownlow's library. Cinderella presented a pair of red shoes with magic in them, too, "for, Santa Claus,

your feet will never tire on your journeyings Christmas eve;" "and with my magic ring," bowed the Prince Charming, "no harm will ever befall you." Heidi and Peter shyly placed at his feet a quaint hamper, which revealed the purest white goat, which was to provide their friend with the best milk in all the world, that a goat from the Swiss mountains could alone provide. Last of all came dear, funny Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, their shoe-button eyes dancing with delight as they cheered the heart of Santa with a new cross-word puzzle book.

"I'm the luckiest man in all the world," chuckled Santa Claus, and the elves joyously clapped their hands as everybody joined together and ring-a-ring-a-rosied round some more. Then they whirled Santa out into the frosty moonlight in time to meet the prime birthday surprise, which, true to promise came fluttering down from the sky, like a great bird, and smoothly landed at their feet before the astonished eyes of Santa Claus. "Presented to Santa Claus by the elves with our very best love," read the ticket attached to the

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Oh! but there wasn't enough words in the dictionary-book to describe the rapture of everybody, and the thrills and fresh excitement when Santa Claus took his little friends for their very first ride in a really, truly air-ship.

Indeed, what with the novelty of the ride and the sumptuous feast that followed, Jumps and Juno nearly forgot to ask Santa the important questions that had been puzzling them. But they remembered them in time in the momentary hush that followed Santa's recital of The Night Before Christmas around the glowing grate fire. How his eyes twinkled when Jumps suddenly asked, "could he remember when he was a little boy, and was it so very long ago?"

"When I was a little lad?" questioned Santa Claus mirthfully, "how could you young folk expect an old fellow like me to remember that far back. Let me see—let me see," he continued, with a look of much alarm, "it must be, yes, it must be about sixteen hundred years ago since I was a little shaver, kicking up monkey-shines when I had to go to bed early. Such an old rascal as I'm getting to be. Time I stopped gallivanting around on Christmas Eve and allowed some spry young chap to take my place."

A wail of protest met this last remark and Santa was almost smothered with fond embraces, while Jumps and Juno voiced their dismay at such a calamity.

"Oh! Santa, you're not old a bit. Father Time told us you had a wonderful secret about never growing old, and we love you better than anybody else in the world."

"Father Time, eh! Has that old rascal been telling tales about me? Just wait till I see him and I'll—I'll put a tin ear on him," vowed Santa

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Even as I write I am being entertained by a world famous traveller, a man over 75 years of age, who has been into all the corners of the earth. He is telling about a wonderful trip he took not long ago to Honolulu, about the beautiful steamer which carried him across the ocean, about the gorgeous scenery, the places of beauty, the great expanse of blue sky—and this man is over a thousand miles away.

To the reader who owns a radio this is nothing, for every night in the week there are lectures, dance music, grand opera, weather and crop reports, to be heard by the farmer who has a radio. And right here I want to say something about my own set. It isn't new by any means; as a matter of fact it is a year and a half since I bought it. At the time I got my radio I paid over a hundred dollars for it. To-day you could buy the very same set for around seventy-five dollars.

It is a fact that the sets you see to-day are built into fancier cabinets, and possibly have little conveniences which my radio does not possess, but that doesn't make my set obsolete for I am still getting as much, or more, entertainment than I got from it when it was new. So you see the radios of today don't go out of style, or become obsolete any more than a car does.

Those of you who do not own a radio should not put off buying one any longer. There is no need for it because right today you can get better value for your money than ever before. It is true that sets are being sold all the way up to five and six hundred dollars in price. But when you pay a high price like this you are getting more than a radio; you are getting fine cabinet work, a great many conveniences, and in many cases a number of extras. If you can afford to pay a price like this for your radio you do so knowing full well that you are getting value for your money.

It is not necessary, however, for you to pay anything near such a high price for a good radio. One costing a hundred dollars or less will give you good results. Naturally you won't get the same fine cabinet work, and your set will not look so rich, but fine cabinet work does not necessarily mean that you will get better results from the set. Usually, however, a fine cabinet goes with a good set the same as a good body on a car goes with a good engine.

Another reason why you should not delay buying your radio is because of the entertainment you are missing. Every night there are a hundred or more stations giving programs of every nature. The traveller who was telling of his trip to Honolulu has now finished talking, and there is an orchestra playing some of the latest dance music. This is coming in so loud that it can

be heard across the street by people as they pass the house. A little later on in the evening I am going to tune-in to another of the big stations to be entertained by some of the greatest singers in America. I am going to hear John McCormick and several others. If I were to go to hear these same singers at the opera I would have to pay five dollars for my seat. With my radio I can hear these same artists from my own parlor and at no expense at all. I would not trade my radio for the finest car in the world, for with my radio I can travel from one side of the country to the other, and all without leaving my own home.

There are at least five stations giving daily crop and market reports during the noon hour. These reports mean money to the farmer who owns a radio, for by keeping in close touch with the grain, hog and cattle prices you know when to sell your produce or cattle to gain the highest price. For this reason alone every western farmer should own a radio.

Possibly you agree with what I say about owning a radio but are afraid that you would not be able to operate one. Now the radios of today are not fool-proof by any means, but neither is your tractor or your separator. During all the time I have had my radio I have only had trouble with it once, and that was when I let one of the batteries short circuit against some metal. There is nothing complicated about the average radio which you buy today. There are two or three tuning controls which you turn in order to hear the different programs, and that is all.

Even in the most remote places you can own a radio, for there are some sets which operate with dry batteries very much like those used on a gas engine. This summer I carried a set with me all over Lake Winnipeg. It was a portable set, weighing but very little and operated from dry cells. Every night we were able to tune-in many of the larger stations, get all the latest news, and thoroughly enjoy ourselves even though we were many miles from the nearest farm house or railroad.

A few minutes ago I was listening to a speaker telling how to grow sugar cane in Texas. Growing sugar cane in Texas won't interest the average farmer, but I merely mention this fact to show you that apart from the entertainment and fun you get from a radio, there is also instruction to be got.

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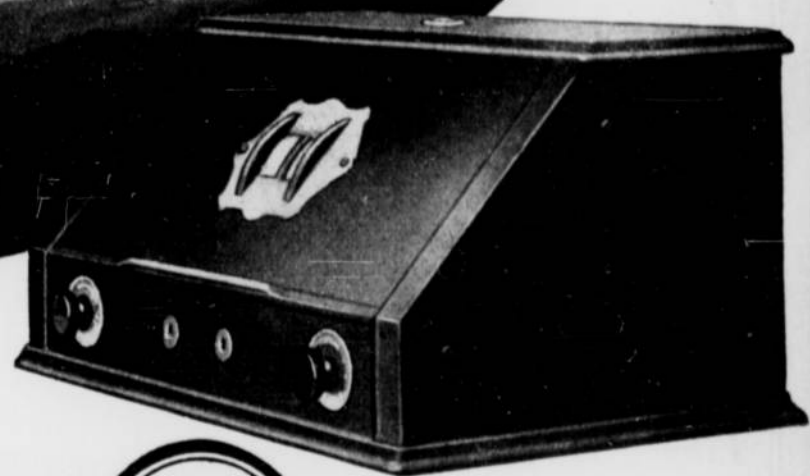
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robs every farmer of much grain each year. This speaker suggested that instead of spreading poisoned wheat where birds and other animals, besides gophers, could get at it, that you mix the wheat with plaster of Paris, and put a small quantity of it before each gopher hole. As I listened the professor told how Mr. Gopher would come out of his hole, and while he didn't like the plaster of Paris treated wheat the same as poisoned wheat, he would eat it anyway, for at this time of the year he is often hungry. Shortly after the wheat had been consumed by the gopher, the plaster of Paris would become hard and the gopher would be no more. Now if I hadn't owned a radio I would possibly have gone on year after year placing poisoned wheat where birds and chickens could get at it.

Practically every radio sold today is guaranteed to work satisfactorily, or the manufacturer or dealer will replace it with one that does give you good results. This means you can now safely buy a radio knowing that you are going to get satisfaction or your money back. It wasn't so very long ago but what you had to take a chance on your radio working. This was because radio was something new and was being made by both high grade, as well as very doubtful manufacturers. Most of the manufacturers in the radio business today are thoroughly reliable and their sets and products can be relied upon to work. This fact removes a great deal of the uncertainty which existed a year or so ago.

And then again there is more than likely one or more dealers in your town who sell radio. These dealers may be hardwaremen, or druggists, or general storekeepers, but no matter what line of business they are in they have a reputation for square dealing, and you can be sure that they are not going to jeopardize their standing in the community by selling radios that do not give results or do not represent value for your money.

The other night there were a number of friends visiting us. "Oh," one of them exclaimed, "I see you have a radio. But don't you find the static spoils all your concerts?" No, I most certainly do not find the static spoil my concerts. During the summer there were a few nights on which I couldn't get very good results, but on the whole, static, as that particular type of interference is called, was not at all bad. The reason for this is because most of the better class stations have installed more powerful apparatus which make themselves heard above the static.

Then again these stations often link together into a chain, and you are able to hear the same program from possible seven or eight big stations. Instead of having to tune-in to a station in New York city to hear John McCormick I only need tune-in to some of the stations directly south and hear the same programme. This means that I am listening to stations only a few hundreds of miles away, instead of one station almost two thousand miles away. You will more than likely wonder how it is possible for seven or eight stations in all parts of the country to broadcast the same program as is being broadcast by a station in New York city or some other large centre.

This linking-up of stations is accomplished by the use of land wires connected to the main station which carry the program to the different stations, from when it is put over the air. If it hadn't been for this linking-up of stations we would have missed some very fine concerts this summer when the reception was not very good.

I don't know whatever we would do without our radio as we all practically rely on it for our evening's entertainment. Five nights a week we are entertained at dinner by the orchestra from one of the big hotels over fifteen hundred miles away. Exactly at 6.15 we set the dials and from then on until eight o'clock, the orchestra at this big hotel entertains us with the finest of music. Sundays are great days for us with our radio for we can tune-in to a church service from any one of a dozen or more stations. If the weather is bad we stay home and listen to a sermon by some great preacher and in this way pass the Sunday evening in comfort.

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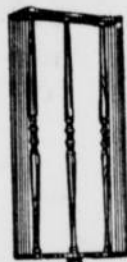
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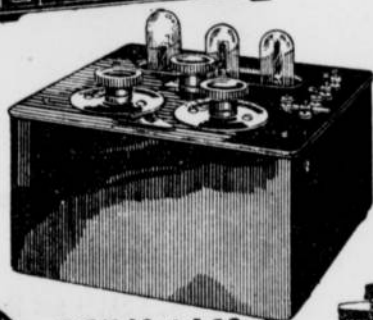
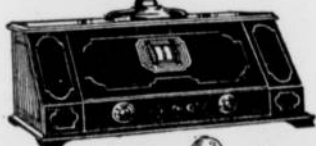
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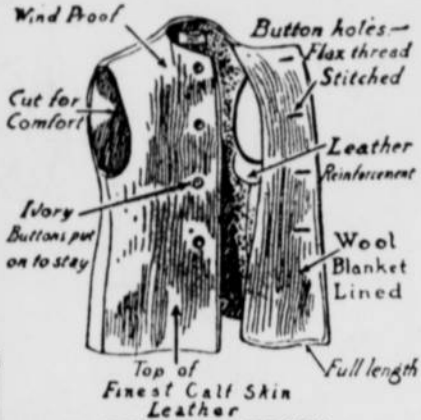
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A Gentleman Adventurer

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What Has Happened So Far

On the long ocean trip to his new post, Charles Edward Stuart, an apprentice clerk in the service of the Hudson's Bay Co. unwittingly captures the heart of Marie Rose Cameron, half-breed daughter of a powerful company official. Stuart is dismayed at the discovery and welcomes the appointment at Fort Garry, which takes him a long way from the home of "Old Murder" Cameron and his daughter. He tries to sink the recollection of the half-breed girl in hard work and the simple festivities that a frontier settlement affords. At New Year, Marie Rose makes the dangerous overland trip to Fort Garry to get another glimpse of young Stuart, but he, in the meantime, has fallen in love with Flora Carmichael. He works indefatigably because of a promise of promotion which has been given him verbally by Chief Factor MacNeill, but MacNeill repudiates the promise when promotions are handed round. Charles charges MacNeill with deception, and the Chief Factor banishes him to Fort Hearne, the most desolate post in the service. At Norway House, Marie Rose's father offers to revoke the sentence to Fort Hearne, and promises Charles promotion on condition that he marry Marie Rose, but the young man refuses determinedly. A two months' journey with the boat brigade brings Stuart to Athabaska House, from whence another journey will take him to his place of exile.

CHAPTER XXI

A Husband for Madame Hawkins

TWO Indians and one birch-bark canoe were a poor substitute for the rollicking, singing, dancing, voyageurs with their twelve long York boats. But this was the equipment Cameron had intended for the rebel on the whole journey, and Charles blessed Marie Rose many times in the raw, wet days and chill nights as he was paddled silently down the Great Slave River. He missed the gay nonsense of the Metis tripmen; the Indians were quiet and stolid, and pushed swiftly onward, for the short summer was almost gone and the nights were cold and foggy. Young Thunder was the high-sounding title of his steersman, a stalwart Chipewyan with a stately sad demeanor, while the other man went by the undistinguished name of "Oskineque," a word meaning "The Young Man," and as the two were inseparable. Charles gave the latter the complimentary title of "Young Lightning."

On the second day, paddling down the winding river, between tall, dark lines of forest, they rounded a point, and came upon a black bear swimming across their bows. Charles had seen very little game on that long journey, for the huge, yelling, splashing, singing serpent that twisted its way up the rivers when the brigade was on a trip frightened all wild creatures miles away from their noisy track. He gave a boyish shout at the unusual sight and grabbed his gun. As the canoe shot within range Lightning made a lunge at Bruin with his axe. He struck but only wounded the animal, and the brute

reared itself furiously against them. Young Thunder, in the stern, was nearest the enraged animal, and was so intent upon saving the canoe from being overturned that he had no chance to save himself. The bear caught his arm with a sweep of his terrible paw, but at the same instant Charles's rifle spoke, and Bruin sank slowly into the water.

Young Thunder made light of his hurt, but Charles insisted upon making camp early, and while Lightning fried bear steak for supper he bound up the wounded arm. The next day he took one of the paddles himself, thereby cementing the friendship that was to serve him in a later evil hour.

At Fort Thompson, on Great Slave Lake, he had to part with his Indian guides. From here a boat was going across the lake and down the Mackenzie River with fish to Fort Mackenzie, the headquarters of the district, where Charles was to report. With many hand shakes and presents of knives and tobacco he bade farewell to his friends. The Company's boat was in charge of a young apprentice clerk like himself and was manned by a half-dozen half-breed and Indian boatmen. It was good to have the company of a white man again. Templeton was a jolly fellow who railed at the Company night and day and whistled and sang as though it were the finest service in the world.

The forest was bare of foliage, the nights and mornings were frosty, and the days filled with chilled rains by the time they sailed down upon Fort Mackenzie. It stood in a clearing, high upon a steep rocky bank, ringed by the dark forest. In the centre of the square before the Chief Factor's house stood a little lookout post with a stairway leading up to it. Here a half-breed was hurriedly running up the flag and a bell in the little tower was clanging forth their welcome to the northern fortress.

Seated at the mess table an hour later Charles felt a glow of joy in the comradeship of his fellows again.

There were four officers belonging to the place and two or three others from outlying posts. The Chief Factor was a genial fellow, a child of the Company, having a full-breed mother and a half-breed wife. Next to Charles sat a young man named Percival, an apprentice clerk towards whom his heart warmed, for he looked and acted like Johnny McBain. There was Ogilvie, a great naturalist, whose name stood high in the annals of the Smithsonian Institute, who was over Fort Radisson, far down in the Barren Lands; and there was an old brown and wrinkled giant who was post-master in the Company's farthest post down the Mackenzie.

The food was good, but served without ceremony. It was a rough bachelor

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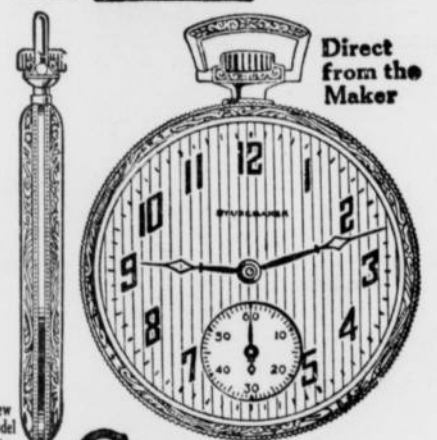


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Charging Radio Batteries

Q.—I have a 6-volt generator in good shape from an old car. Could this be run by a 1½ H.P. engine to charge radio storage battery as cheaply as taking it back and forth to town 10 miles away. If so, how should it be wired up.—L. B. G.

Answered by I. W. Dickerson

A.—Yes, it will be much easier and cheaper to charge your storage battery from the generator driven by a gas engine, especially if you have the engine and use it for pumping water, operating the washing machine, and other work. Ordinarily these generators should run about 1,600 R.P.M., and if the belt is run from the engine fly-wheel, say 18 inches in diameter, and running 450 R.P.M. to a generator pulley about 4 inches in diameter, the theoretical speed of the generator would be about 2,000; but the actual speed, due to belt slippage, will probably be around 1,700, which would be about right. Thus the battery charging can be done at the same time as the washing or pumping, and the extra fuel will hardly be noticeable.

To connect such an outfit up, run the positive wire of the battery to the movable part of a two-pole double-throw switch and the negative wire from the battery to the other movable part of the switch. Then run a wire from the fixed positive terminal of the switch to the positive terminal of the generator, and from the negative generator to the corresponding negative terminal on the switch. Then when the switch is closed towards the generator, the positive current from the generator will enter the positive terminal on the battery and go through the battery in opposition to the battery voltage. A wire from the other positive switch point should go to the A battery plus post on the set, and a wire from the corresponding negative switch point should go to the A-battery minus post on the set. Then when the switch is thrown the other way, the positive side of storage battery will be connected to A-battery plus, and so on.

If you try to have the battery charged at town, you will almost have to get two batteries, since it will take around 48 hours to charge a battery properly when it is pretty well run down.

Pat Knew the Answer

An Irishman was newly employed at a lumber office. The proprietors of the company were young men and decided to have some fun with the new Irish hand. Pat was duly left in charge of the office, with instructions to take all orders which might come in during their absence. Going to a nearby drug store, they proceeded to call up the lumber company's office, and the following conversation ensued:

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"Yes, sir. And what would you be havin'?"

"Take an order, will you?"

"Sure. That's what I'm here for."

"Please send me up a thousand knot holes."

"What's that?"

"One thousand knot holes."

"Well, now, an' ain't that a bloomin' shame. I'm sorry, but we are just out of them."

"How's that?"

"Just sold them to a brewery."

"To the brewery? What do they want with them?"

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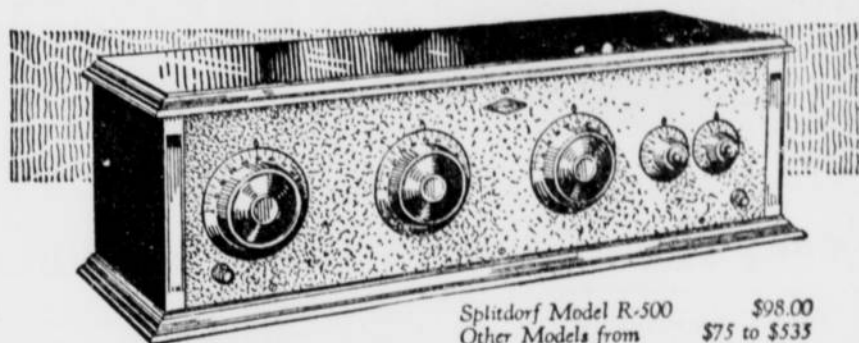
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A Christmas Triangle

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from the snow in which it was buried, and drew a slow quivering breath—a breath which he released with a cry of anguish as a sharp pain stabbed his side like a knife. He was lying head outward with his feet toward the centre of the stack. His body was held immovable beneath the crushing weight of the straw, and across his shoulders, like an iron band, the sharp edge of the

frozen snowdrift ground deeper into his body as the stack settled down.

A rib had gone, he felt assured, and one arm was crumpled up beneath him. Only the fact that he had fallen in a slight depression had prevented him from being instantly crushed to death. He twisted his head, breathing with difficulty, and saw that the jutting edge of the ice-cupola was touching the snowdrift on the ground—perhaps it would settle no lower. He prayed feverishly that Ingeman would notice the stack, and the thought that he

might merely make sure that Gertie and the oxen were safe, tore from his lips a gasping cry.

It was answered immediately, and Ingeman, panting wildly, was tearing at the ice with his mittened hands.

"Paul, what did you try to save her, for?" he gasped. "I looked out and saw it coming over, and Gertie knocking you down as you tried to drive her out. What's her life compared with yours!"

For a minute he wrestled frantically. Oh, man!" he groaned. "I can't

move it. Can you hold up while I run for help?"

Brock moved his head slowly, in the negative. He had wrestled with the temptation to withhold the truth, and had overcome it.

"It's coming—down—heavier—all the time," he gasped, painfully. "I guess—it's all up—with me. Steve, listen!" he ground out, chokingly. "I didn't save Gertie. It serves me right. I tried—to pull it—down on her!"

He paused to gasp, and looking up saw Ingeman glaring into his face with the cruel light of northern glaciers in his blue eyes. Brock closed his own, for a second, expecting he knew not what. When he opened them again Ingeman had gone.

Ingeman had left him, but why was he still able to breathe? Almost it seemed that the load on his shoulders was crushing him less. Dimly he could see the nearest mudplastered shack. There was no figure crossing the snow between him and it. Ingeman had not gone for help then, but was waiting in his shack until the pressure and the cold had done their work. Brock did not blame him, though he felt that he himself could not have done it. If Ingeman had attempted to pull down the stack on Gertie, he might in that first moment have killed him, but he could never have returned to his shack and waited calmly for Ingeman to die.

Lights began to glimmer in the German colony. The western sky was already but faintly pink. A heavy drowsiness was creeping over him, and, knowing its danger, he almost welcomed the throbbing of his crumpled arm. Dully, he wondered who would find him and when, or whether Ingeman would pretend to discover the accident after it was too late. Somehow, he was able to feel sorry for Ingeman, who would carry that secret wherever he went, throughout the whole of his life.

The drowsiness was overpowering him. He ground his face desperately into the frozen straw. At least he would keep the breath in his body as long as he possibly could. Queer fancies came to him: The widely separated lights grew closer together; became the lighted windows of the country village where he had played as a boy. The sound of bells came faintly to his ears. It was Christmas Eve, and they would be holding service in the little church. He fancied he could hear them singing, but someone close by confused the sound with an intermittent shout. The sound came closer, until he could distinguish the tune. "Holy Night,"—that was it. But what words were they singing?

Suddenly his mind cleared. He was pinned beneath the strawstack again, and out there on the snow a covered sleigh was passing, its occupants lustily singing the second verse of their carol. He breathed in until his cracked rib stabbed him, and put all his strength into a shout which left his lips as a mere whisper.

For the first time, he felt despair. To see help passing so near, and not to be able to summon it! Suddenly it seemed to him that a shudder ran through the stack and communicated itself to his body. Then, from somewhere beside him, a yell was uttered which brought to a jangling halt the tinkling of the sleigh-bells, and the chorus of voices faltered and stopped.

Things blurred again. He heard exclamations in excited female voices. A lantern flashed in his eyes. Someone dragged at his arm, and he shrieked before he could stop himself. Then he was lying in deep straw beneath a swinging lantern at the bottom of a sleigh, and strangely, someone who looked like Ingeman lay in an attitude of complete exhaustion beside him. The sleigh changed miraculously to Ingeman's bed in Ingeman's shack, and a tall young fellow in owl glasses uttered commands in a strange tongue to two flaxen-haired young women who moved about the stove. And here was Ingeman again, slumped in a chair, raising his head as though with difficulty, to answer a question from the tall young man.

"I couldn't get from under to run for help, Doc. It was crushing the life out of him!"

The sun was shining brightly when he again opened his eyes. Ingeman was bending over a frying-pan on the stove.

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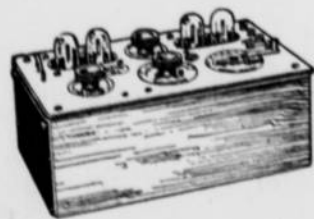
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from which was wafted the tempting odor of frying bacon. He looked up as Brock made a slight movement.

"Hello, did I wake you?" he asked, awkwardly. How do you feel?"

"I feel like a mummy," said Brock, touching his bandage ribs, and splint-covered arm. "I also feel like the worse kind of skunk for what I tried to do. Gertie's all yours, Steve, from now on. I could never bear to look her in the eye."

Ingeman shook his head.

"I never dream't you felt it—that bad," he said. "I only did it to josh you, Paul. I never would have, if I'd known!"

"Was that a doctor, last night?" asked Brock, who was following a thought of his own.

"Yes, we were lucky. A medical student out to spend Christmas with his brothers. Thank the Lord he was able to speak English, too!"

"I heard him asking—didn't you say something about being under the stack?"

"Why, yes. It was sort of swivelling on the end of the snowdrift, and when I crawled underneath and braced myself up, it would just tilt enough to take the weight off you."

"And you held it all that time! What would have happened if they had not come?"

"The coyotes would have dined hearty, I guess. We were mighty lucky it was Christmas Eve, and those people out for a sleigh ride."

"And today's Christmas," said Brock, softly.

There glances met, held for an instant, and fell apart.

Ingeman cleared his throat.

"Say, Paul, you won't be fit to look after yourself for a while, and it's mighty lonesome here, anyway. I'd like it awful well if you'd stay on and go partners again. I won't be getting you riled now I know how it is. And we could start right in to celebrate Christmas Day, if you would."

Brock struggled to a sitting position, and held out his hand.

North Huron Election Tangle

As previously announced North Huron, Ontario, which voted Progressive in support of J. W. King over G. W. Spotton, Conservative, was declared in the Conservative column by local Judge Lewis. There is a bright prospect, however, that the recount and appeal to the Supreme Court of Ontario will give the seat to the Progressive. The question turns on the fact of 342 electors having turned in their ballots with the counterfoil attached, on which was the number of the ballot, and by which the secrecy of the ballot might have been withdrawn and the way these electors voted made known to the returning officer, if he had cared to keep tab. It was on this violation of the secrecy of the ballot the case turned, rather than on the plain evidence of how the electors meant to mark their ballots.

Section 62 of the Dominion Franchise Act provides that where a returning officer has made the error of leaving the counterfoil attached the votes will be counted as marked by the electors. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, in charge of the bill, expressly dealt with the question, as recorded in Hansard, which should clear up the legal aspect for the court as to what was intended by the act in such cases.

The Christmas Gobbler

By Clara Hopper

Did you hear what he found in his stocking?

Wasn't it simply shocking!

A colorless cow and a candy pail,

A horse, and a rooster on a rail,

And a little pig with a curly tail—

And he found them all in his stocking!

He found them right in his stocking!

And there's little use in talking,

For he gobbled the pig in a single bite!

And the horse, and the cow, and the rooster white—

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I was so disappointed. I felt very bitter as I put away the magazine containing the advertisement. For a week I resisted the temptation to look at it again, but finally I couldn't keep from "peeking" at it. It fascinated me so much that finally, half frightened, half enthusiastic, I wrote to the U. S. School of Music—without letting my husband know.

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"Why... why..." he floundered, I simply smiled and went on playing. But soon Jack insisted that I tell him where I had learned... when... how? So I told of my secret.

One day not long after my husband came to me and said, "Mary, don't laugh, but I want to try learning to play the violin by that wonderful method. You certainly proved to me that it is a good way to learn music."



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Alberta Changes Premier

On Monday, November 23, Hon. Herbert Greenfield, who has been premier of Alberta since the inauguration of the U.F.A. farmer government in 1921, resigned office, and Hon. J. E. Brownlee, attorney-general assumed the premiership and retained the other ministers in his cabinet.

There are many conflicting reports as to the cause of the change in premiership. It is reported that Mr. Greenfield's health has not been of the best for some time past, and further that there has been considerable dissatisfaction with his leadership among the rank and file of the U.F.A. members who called him to be their leader four years ago. The following letter from Mr. Greenfield to Mr. Brownlee indicates the relations between the former premier and his attorney-general:

"Carefully reviewing the whole situation and considering carefully not only the future of the government but of the farmers' movement, I am convinced

that I should resign. I also believe that you should, if you can possibly see your way to do so, accept the premiership.

"You have made your views in connection with the whole matter very clear to me, and I appreciate fully the difficulties of your position.

"Your absolute loyalty to myself throughout the past four years has been beyond question, and I would ask you not to allow any consideration of personal loyalty to myself to hinder your acceptance.

"Allow me again to thank you most sincerely for the invaluable assistance of your counsel and support during the past four years."

Following his resignation Mr. Greenfield is reported in the press to have made the following comment: "Back to the farm for me, I'm through with politics for good and all." He has a large farm at Westlock, some 60 miles north of Edmonton, where he has been a successful farmer. One of his last official acts as premier was to hand a

statement to the press which reads as follows:

"I had not been a candidate in the election and was strongly disinclined to enter public life, but, in response to the unanimous request, verbally expressed by every member, I consented to accept the position, subsequently forming the present government, which assumed office on August 13, 1921.

Not Full Accord

"Latterly it had become increasingly evident that there is not the full accord between the supporters of the government and myself which is essential to the successful continuation of any administration.

"We are now rapidly approaching the time when the administration must make its appeal for a further mandate from the people.

"In fairness to my successor in office, and to give him the opportunity of forming his own plans for the election I have decided to tender my



Hon. H. Greenfield, Ex-Premier

resignation to his honor the lieutenant-governor."

The new premier of Alberta, Mr. Brownlee, is a native of Ontario, a graduate of Victoria College, and is 41 years of age. He came west 17 years ago following his graduation and entered the law firm of Lougheed and Bennett, and in 1912 was called to the bar of Alberta as a barrister. After five years' practice in Calgary, Mr. Brownlee, in 1917, became counsel for the U.F.A. and United Grain Growers Limited, which relationship laid the foundation for his rapid preferment in the councils of the organized farmers. When the U.F.A. group were returned in 1921, with a majority in the Alberta legislature, they found themselves without a leader and without a lawyer

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Saskatchewan's Pre-eminence In Grain and Livestock

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The livestock exhibits of Saskatchewan at the Royal Show, Toronto, made a brilliant showing in strong competition. All horses and cattle entered won a prize. The grand championship, and senior championship, the reserve junior championship for Clydesdale stallions, and the junior championship for Clydesdale mares, together with the grand championship, the reserve grand championship, the senior championship and the junior championship for Belgian stallions are successes scored by Saskatchewan's exhibits. With 23 horses exhibited, 34 prizes were won, comprising five championships, four reserve championships, eight first prizes, nine second prizes and eight other prizes. Sheep and cattle exhibits were also very successful. Out of three exhibits in cattle Saskatchewan carried off first for junior steer, third in junior, and fourth in senior heifer class. In the sheep exhibit one championship, one first, two second, two thirds and two fourth prizes were captured.

Probably one of the brightest and most promising features of Western exhibits at the Royal Show, Toronto, was the winnings of the coarse grains against Dominion-wide competition. Saskatchewan has been more or less conceded the place of

honor in the production of wheat, but recent results show that, in addition to the wheat championship, she has carried off six premier awards in coarse grains—first in white oats, first in six-row barley, first and the special trophy for the best sample of malting barley at the show; first for flax, first for blue field peas, first for field beans. Exhibitors in wheat almost swept the board, taking first, second, third, fifth, sixth and seventh prize out of the eight prizes. Saskatchewan sweet clover stood first, while sixth place was won by her Alsike.

At the London Dairy Show held recently, the leading dairy event in the British Empire, Saskatchewan Creamery butter won both the Gold Medal for best unsalted butter, and the Silver Medal for salted butter.

By the very prominent places attained by Saskatchewan stock, grain and forage crops the efforts of the Agricultural Societies in the province are bearing satisfactory fruit. Strong efforts have been made on the part of these societies to gradually raise the standard of the stock by the weeding out process. In this the Provincial Government has given its aid and pure-bred animals are being sold to the farmers or exchanged with scrub animals as part payment.

The better farming methods now being adopted by many of the farmers of Saskatchewan, where more careful tillage and crop rotation coupled with a careful selection of seed is employed, are reflecting their results in the winnings of our coarse grains, wheat and forage crop seeds at the recent shows, in strong competition with the older provinces of the Dominion.

Agricultural Societies of the province are under the direction of the Extension Department of the College of Agriculture, Saskatoon, and any information regarding the work done by the agricultural societies or the conducting of the various agricultural competitions can be had by writing the Director of this Extension Department.



Hon. J. E. Brownlee, new Premier

among their number. When they met for organization and selected Mr. Greenfield as leader there was a unanimous invitation to Mr. Brownlee to accept the portfolio of the attorney-general. In that capacity he has made a high mark as an administrator and has been recognized all over Western Canada as one of the rising young public men.

Progressives Win Peace River

The final returns for Peace River constituency, as announced in the official declaration, gives the seat to D. M. Kennedy, Progressive, with a lead of 37 over his Conservative opponent. The complete vote returned shows: Kennedy, Progressive, 4,015; Collins, Conservative, 3,978; Rae, Liberal, 3,932. Protest having been made by Mr. Collins on the vote return for the Brule poll, all ballot boxes have been ordered taken to Edmonton for a final recount. The result was surprising, as Collins had been counted in the lead for the past two weeks. As it now stands the Progressives have 24 seats in the House, against 117 Conservatives and a prospect for 101 Liberals, assuming Bagot by-election will go Liberal.

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A Gentleman Adventurer

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existence they lived at Fort Mackenzie, far removed from the refined atmosphere of Athabasca House.

"Now, Mr. Stuart, pour out your news!" cried the Bourgeois, when they had drunk the health of this latest arrival. "You're straight from Fort Garry and ought to know everything!"

They plied him with questions. How was Old Murder? Who was the last man he had knocked down? When was Governor McTavish coming back? And what was in store for MacNeil when he returned? Did he meet "Chatake" Melbourne at Norway? "Chatake" was out with his gun to bring down something rich in the way of promotion. MacNeill was his uncle and had schemed to get him placed at Fort Garry, etc., etc.

Charles answered all the questions he could with safety. He related the circumstances of his introduction to Mr. Melbourne, and it was received with a hilarity that showed the "Pelican" was not very popular at Fort Mackenzie. But he had much to conceal regarding Cameron, at least, and he preferred to listen, especially while Ogilvie talked.

He was one of those great men whom the Company did not want, because he cared more for birds and insects and shells and stones than he did for beaver skins, and he knew far more about the habits of the caribou and the seal than he did about their pelts.

His tales opened up a new world to Charles: his pet golden eagle, captured near Fort Radisson; the wise old wild gander that went honking drearily up and down in search of its lost mate, never to be comforted by taking another; the plucky sand-hill crane that would fight a man if wounded; the sagacious grebe that made her nest in the reeds so that it would rise and fall with the water; the trumpeter swan and Franklin's gull, that beautiful rosy-feathered creature—Ogilvie made them almost human.

They did not talk "Musquash"—Company business—at the table where Ogilvie dined, but they lived the romance of the wild life about them which so many had failed to see.

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"Yes, sir," cried Charles heartily, "I'd abandon the whole Hudson's Bay Company today, if I hadn't signed a contract for five years."

Chief Factor MacPherson's mild brown eyes regarded the young man kindly. He had seen many such come up from the south, raging under the injustice of their sentence.

"After all it's a great service, the Company," he said. "Stick to it, young fellows. If you stay long enough you will find it worth while."

They were MacDonald's words. Charles pondered them.

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marches her off to his lodge. When two men take a fancy to the same young lady the result is rather painful."

"Pretty hard on the belles, I should say," remarked the Chief. "Hey, Taylor, that's where you ought to go!"

Old Tom Taylor, the lean, leathern postmaster from the Arctic coast, was bent upon a second venture into matrimony. His Indian wife had died the winter before and his half-breed family were scattered. Old Tom shook his head. "No more Injun women for me," he growled. Though Old Tom was as brown as any Red Skin, he was a pure white, and never lost an opportunity to heap profane abuse upon the heads of all half-breeds, his own family included. "A white wife for me or nothing," he said determinedly.

Some imp of mischief brought to Charles's mind Madame Hawkins of the Red River steamer and her ambition to marry an officer of the Company. Here was the very man of her dreams. To be sure, a postmaster was scarcely considered an officer. The position was generally filled by some old and trusted servant of the Company. But Madame Commodore would not know the difference. "Postmaster Taylor of Fort Yukon" was quite a high sounding title and it might be potent enough to bring her all the way from the Red River. Why not write now and send the letter out with the winter packet, he proposed, giving such a gilded description of Madame's grace and beauty that Old Tom was persuaded.

So the three young men got out their goose quills after mess, and a letter was concocted, couched in the most alluring terms, while the future bridegroom nervously looked on, uttering a sheepish protest when the language grew too ornamental.

The fort held high carnival that night; a double celebration, to mark the arrival of the men from Fort Thompson and the departure of Ogilvie for the North. There was greater excess here than in Halliday's "celebrations" at Fort Garry. The chief grew maudlin and wept and declared that he loved them all. Templeton, the visitor, got up to dance the sword dance and almost fell into the fire, while the old leathern giant from the Arctic grew fiercely quarrelsome.

Charles had a hazy idea the next morning that he had been the most foolish of them all. He remembered that he had tried to sing and play the fiddle and dance at the same time, and had held a hot dispute with the stately Ogilvie over something in the Shorter Catechism. He was deeply ashamed.

"Sorry to see you go," the genial Chief Factor said that afternoon when Charles was ready to start for Fort Hearne. He was very kind, and the exile had an uncomfortable feeling that he was sorry for him. "You oughtn't to be sent to that place. Chatake Melbourne left without notifying me; decided not to return when he was down at Norway House, but as MacNeill's nephew he is safe. You'll like Fraser, he's your clerk, and he's in charge just now. Poor Fraser's rather down on his luck. I hope you'll hit it off."

CHAPTER XXII An Island Prison

The canoe journey from Fort MacKenzie to Fort Hearne, situated far up at the end of the northern arm of the Great Slave Lake, could ordinarily be accomplished in about four days. But the heavy fogs of the early autumn, alternating with lashing wind storms and cold, driving rains, delayed Charles and his two half-breed companions, and it was a week before they paddled up to the rocky island where the fort was built.

It was a grey, lowering day, and Charles viewed his lone prison-house through a cold slanting rain; four low log buildings, set in a rocky clearing, surrounded by stunted spruce and small jack pines. The whole population of the place—men, women, children and dogs—were out in the rain to meet the new master. Fort Hearne, having an abundance of fish, was made the wintering place of many of the married boatmen, and a half-dozen men were at the shore, the shawled heads of their wives and swarms of half-naked children dodging about behind them. The

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place was untidy and dirty, and smelled to the grey heavens of decayed fish.

As Charles stepped from the canoe he looked about eagerly for the officer over the fort; for upon him depended all his hopes of companionship. But there was no white man in the dark-skinned group at the shore. A slim, brawn half-breed, with kind, dog-like eyes—the interpreter of the fort—seemed to be the one in charge. The new master shook hands with him and he smiled happily.

"Name Jasper," he volunteered. Then, making a gesture towards the fort building, "M'sieu Frase'," he explained cheerfully, "he mak' de beeg spree. De boy dey all go for fight, every day, all toggeder. A'm glad you come, me."

They walked up to the fort, Charles's heart going farther down into his moccasins at each step. His own apartments were in the central building, which, like all the others, was of log with a low spruce-bark roof. The door opened into a big, barn-like place, which was the Indian hall and office. It had a rough table, some benches, a very dirty floor and a huge fireplace. Though the climate called loudly for stoves, Fort Hearne was too far north for such a luxury. A sort of office bedroom opened off the room, and another door led to a kitchen and a room where the old cook and his wife had their abode.

That useful person, a gaunt old Yellow Knife Indian, shuffled in from the kitchen with a tin plate of boiled fish and a mug of black tea, which he set upon the dirty table. The fish was fresh and Charles was young and hungry, and after he had eaten heartily he called the interpreter and started out to view his prison.

Dirt, disorder and vermin had taken up their habitation in the rooms which were his, and he guessed that the rest of the premises would be no better. As he stepped out into the fishy air the old cook came to the kitchen door and called the dogs.

"Hi! Keeskious! Ro-vare! Hi, Rouge, Hi, Waby!" The dogs came walloping up from the shore and he flung the tin dinner plates to them. When they were licked clean he gave them a wipe with some dry moss that hung beside the kitchen door, and stacked them up on the shelf for the next meal.

To the right and left of Charles's house were the fur and provision stores, and running along the back of the enclosure was the long, low shanty where the six men and their families were housed. Fraser and his family had apartments by themselves in connection with the provision store and Charles walked over to this first, to view what manner of man was to be his companion for the coming long winter. Jasper trotted after him, explaining in a voluble mixture of Yellow Knife, Indian, French and English profanity how the Diable had been ruling in Fort Hearne since the day of "de beeg spree."

There had been an epidemic of sore throats, it seemed, starting with the children. Fraser's Indian wife and a little boy had been very ill and Fraser had had access to the rum for medicine.

Charles marched into Fraser's room without ceremony. The place was filthy and disorderly, and smelled worse than the dead fish on the shore. In a corner on a bunk lay the white man. His Indian wife, a woman from the neighboring Yellow Knife tribe, her blanket around her, sat on the floor near him, her baby in her arms, and a little brown, naked boy scurried to shelter behind her as the stranger appeared. All the pent-up rage against his fate burning in Charles's heart burst forth; he administered a disgusted kick to the prostrate figure in the bunk, but feeling that his moccasined boot was not a sufficiently severe rebuke, he caught the man by the collar of his shirt and shook him vigorously.

"You drunken beast," he muttered. The man opened his eyes and looked at him stupidly. Under the marks of dissipation his face showed a gentle refinement.

"Ah, glad to see you," he said in a soft, cultivated voice. "Hope make self comfort'ble."

Feeling he had done the honors of the fort, he proceeded to doze again.

"You're a fine specimen to be left in charge of a post!" Charles shouted, "I've a mind to dump you into the lake. You certainly need it."

"Tha's all right, ole fellow," answered the victim in his gentle musical voice. "Thanks, awf'ly. Same to you."

Fortunately the silly, drunken attempt at politeness stirred Charles's sense of humor. He laughed, shoved the man back into his bunk with no gentle hand and turned away.

He was afraid to even look into the men's apartments, but Jasper led the way thither, greatly enjoying the new master's methods. Here housekeeping was on a very simple scale. A pot of fish kept boiling over the fire and the family rolled in blankets on the floor

to sleep spelled everything in the way of food and lodging. As he had feared, dirt and disorder reigned. He barely glanced inside the shanties, but talked to the men a little, distributed presents in the lavish way that he had, and then returned to look over the books. Melbourne, the Pelican, had left in the spring, and Fraser had taken charge, but there seemed to be no change in the confused muddle the books presented for months back.

The early northern night came down and he pored over them with a sputtering candle for an hour and then went to his ill-smelling bed in a black despondency that would surely have satisfied even the rage of the two men who had banished him.

Fraser appeared on the third day. He

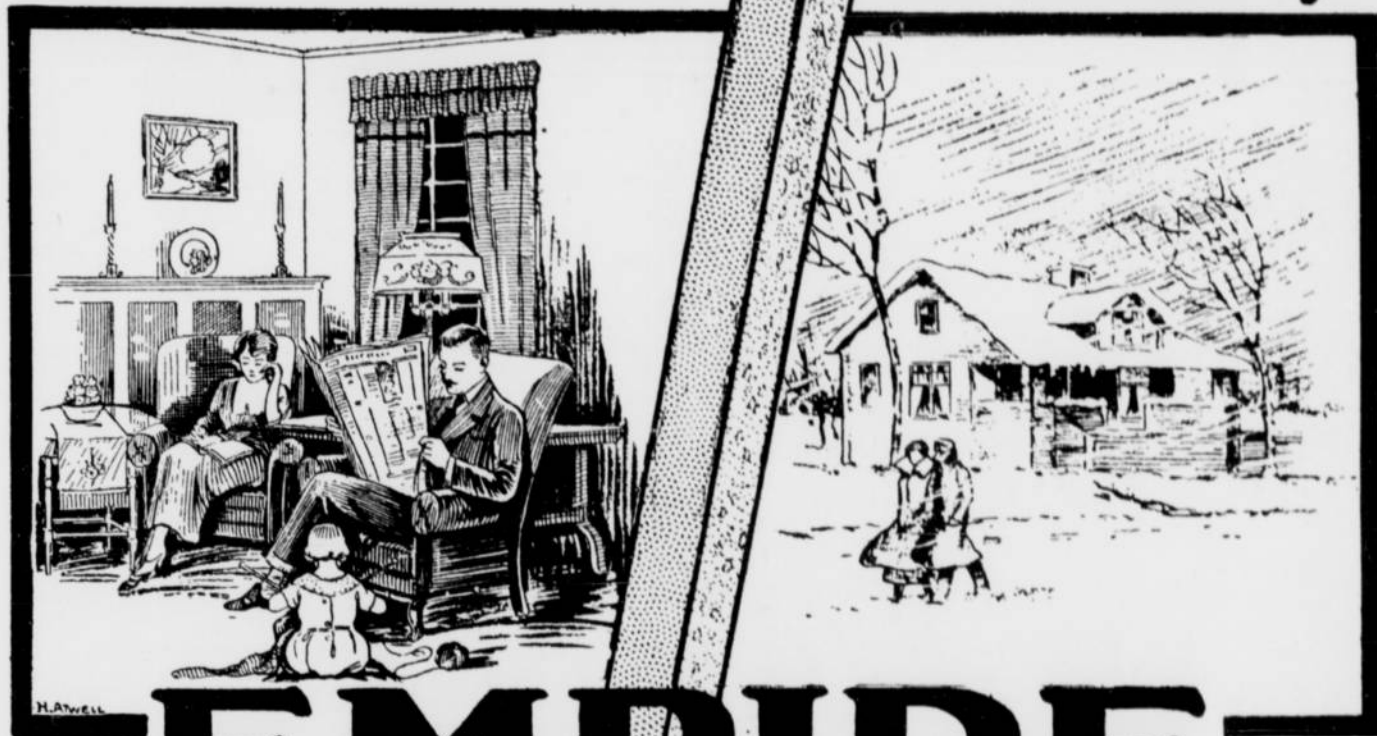
apologized in a gentle, diffident way.

"Sorry you found me making such a particular ass of myself, Mr. Stuart," he said, coming down to the shore in the afternoon where Charles was overseeing the fishing operations. "It was rotten for you."

Charles looked at him keenly as they shook hands. He noted the flabby cheek, the rough, unkempt beard stained with tobacco juice, the untidy clothes. But he could not help noticing also that the man's eyes were tragic and appealing.

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the Hudson's Bay Company. He had drifted from post to post and had finally been caught in the slow eddy of this northern fort. And here he was, in his fifth year at Fort Hearne, with a wife from the neighboring Yellow Knife tribe and a couple of little Yellow Knife papooses.

Charles's indignation died; he felt instead a deep pity for the man who had been worsted in the fight. He experienced also a sudden pang of apprehension. This was what banishment to this lone post might do for a man. In Fraser he saw himself, years hence, discouraged and beaten. All his fighting instincts rose to combat the doleful prophecy.

The exile knew instinctively that his only hope lay in hard work. He was desperately afraid of idleness, of time hanging on his hands, when he would have nothing to do but think of the highway winding down by the Red River, or the old grey house set in its garden in far-off St. Andrew's.

He plunged into work. He took up housekeeping as well as bookkeeping. He went through the dirty old fort like a cleansing fire, and had all the men and women scrubbing and cleaning and scouring in an astonishing manner, and all in the best of spirits, too, with plenty of fun and laughter and throwing of water at each other, for everyone succumbed at once to the Young Chevalier's charm and was already his obedient servant.

Fraser sometimes remonstrated feebly. "There's really nothing to get into a perspiration about, you know, old fellow," he said soothingly, when Charles raged around the fort because the fishermen were half an hour late starting out one morning.

"It really doesn't matter, after all, whether the work's done this morning or the week after next. The winter's long enough."

But Charles's abounding energy was not to be quenched, and Fraser found himself caught in its impetuous stream.

His first care he found to be the fishing, for the season was at its height. The lake was stocked with the finest whitefish and the men brought them in bursting nets and cast them in gleaming, quivering heaps upon the shore. The women, squatted on the ground, strung them in tens on sticks, doing it very deftly with a single strike of the sharpened stake through the tail. All the day the work went on, and the dogs and gulls came and gorged themselves on the discarded suckers and jack fish.

The strung fish were then hung in silvery fringes to dry, high on the stages beyond the reach of the dogs and other prowling animals. Here they swung in the sun and wind and rain till they were needed in the winter. When the season was warm and they alternately froze and thawed they often acquired a rather high flavor.

Charles was now in desperate straits for something to do. The little clearing on the rocky island, the oval bay surrounded by its ring of forest, seemed to be the whole world, far removed from the planet where human beings moved. After the free, far-reaching spaces of the prairie the ring of forest seemed like a prison wall, and he took to making mad, purposeless excursions far out beyond it, over the grey, stormy lake, or into the bare stunted growth of pines, only to find the ring closing tighter.

Another prison wall was being reared around him, the icy bands of winter. The Indians who had been coming about the forts went off to their traps. The great procession of wild fowl that had gone honking and calling through the grey skies ceased, a great silence fell over the desolate land. The lake froze over, and day after day the snow came down in blinding storms. The sun, which had been working such long, hours all summer, began to cut down his hours of labor until he did not rise until nearly ten o'clock in the morning and set again at two in the afternoon. The Arctic winter was upon them.

Cutting and hauling the next winter's wood from the forest was the only work for the men. All the wood for the present use was piled in great walls about the fort and had been dried during the summer. Charles went off with the men and the dog sleighs far into



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the forest, where larger timber could be obtained. He found he could not keep either himself or the men busy with the task. For they could cut and haul the amount allotted for a week's work in a couple of days and were accustomed to lie about the fire gambling for the rest of the time.

Fraser had once been a skilful boxer and fencer, and every evening he was dragged ruthlessly from his comfortable fireside to take part in a bout. It was all very trying to his relaxed muscles and indolent spirit, but he was finding his restless companion harder to resist every day.

December came and brought the first break in the drear monotony of their days. The Barren Ground reindeer swept past them on their autumn migration from the Arctic coast to the shelter of their winter quarters in the forest.

Charles was busy one morning in his office, looking over the book that never failed to interest him; the diary of the fort, which was always kept by the man in charge, and carefully preserved for reference. Some of the entries were amusing, and Charles was smiling over one when Doggie, the Indian boy who was general factotum about the place, suddenly appeared in his silent Indian fashion.

"Master, caribou come," he announced. Charles seized his gun and ran out to the gate in great excitement, shouting for Fraser. The men were all away at the wood-cutting except Jasper and the cook, and they came running to harness the dogs. Already the brutes were making an uproar, wild to get away. Charles slipped on his snowshoes and ran out ahead. The vanguard of the great army had disappeared; a party of about fifty came out of the dark woods, stately and beautiful, and stepped out upon the lake. Jasper and Doggie, coming up with the dogs, gave a shout, and the lovely creatures reared up on their hind legs as lightly as though they had been blown by the wind. The whole great host were visible now on the edge of the forest, and the men set out madly in pursuit, Jasper driving and yelling "Saprees" and "Diablies" at his leaping teams. The caribou seemed the only creatures who did not share the excitement. They were coming on now, hundreds and hundreds of them, appearing for a few moments to cross the little bay and disappearing again into the darkness of the forest.

The sleigh dashed over a piece of ice the wind had left bare. The dogs, leaping forward, mad for the chase, swung clear around, upset the sleigh, and Charles and Fraser rolled over in the snow, while their steeds tore across the lake alone, with Jasper, Doggie and the old cook yelling behind.

They all came back to the fort laughing and hungry. Thousands of the caribou would fall to the guns and snares of the Indians, but the five hunters brought home only one, the spoil of Jasper's gun.

"I'm glad the men were away," Fraser said, as he and Charles sat at their dinner of venison steak. "I couldn't shoot one of those lovely creatures unless I were starving."

For the first time Charles felt respect for Fraser struggling up in his heart. He, too, had found it impossible to point a gun at those graceful things, gambolling, unafraid, on their way to the safety of the forest.

After this brief luxury of excitement the winter dragged away on leaden feet. Charles put in as many hours as possible reading the few books he had found in the fort, but the period of daylight was short and the candle-grease so precious that even this indulgence was strictly limited.

One day, taking Jasper as interpreter, he made a longer trip than usual into the woods, where the Chief of the Yellow Knives had his lodge. He brought tea and tobacco and some other presents, and was received with great pomp and ceremony. As he sat on the ground in the Chief's lodge, eating out of the steaming pot, the flap of the wigwam was suddenly raised, a familiar voice cried, "Ho, Boy! Waby-stig-wan," and in strode his old comrades, Thunder and Lightning.

It was a joyous meeting. Charles

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PREMIER BRACKEN
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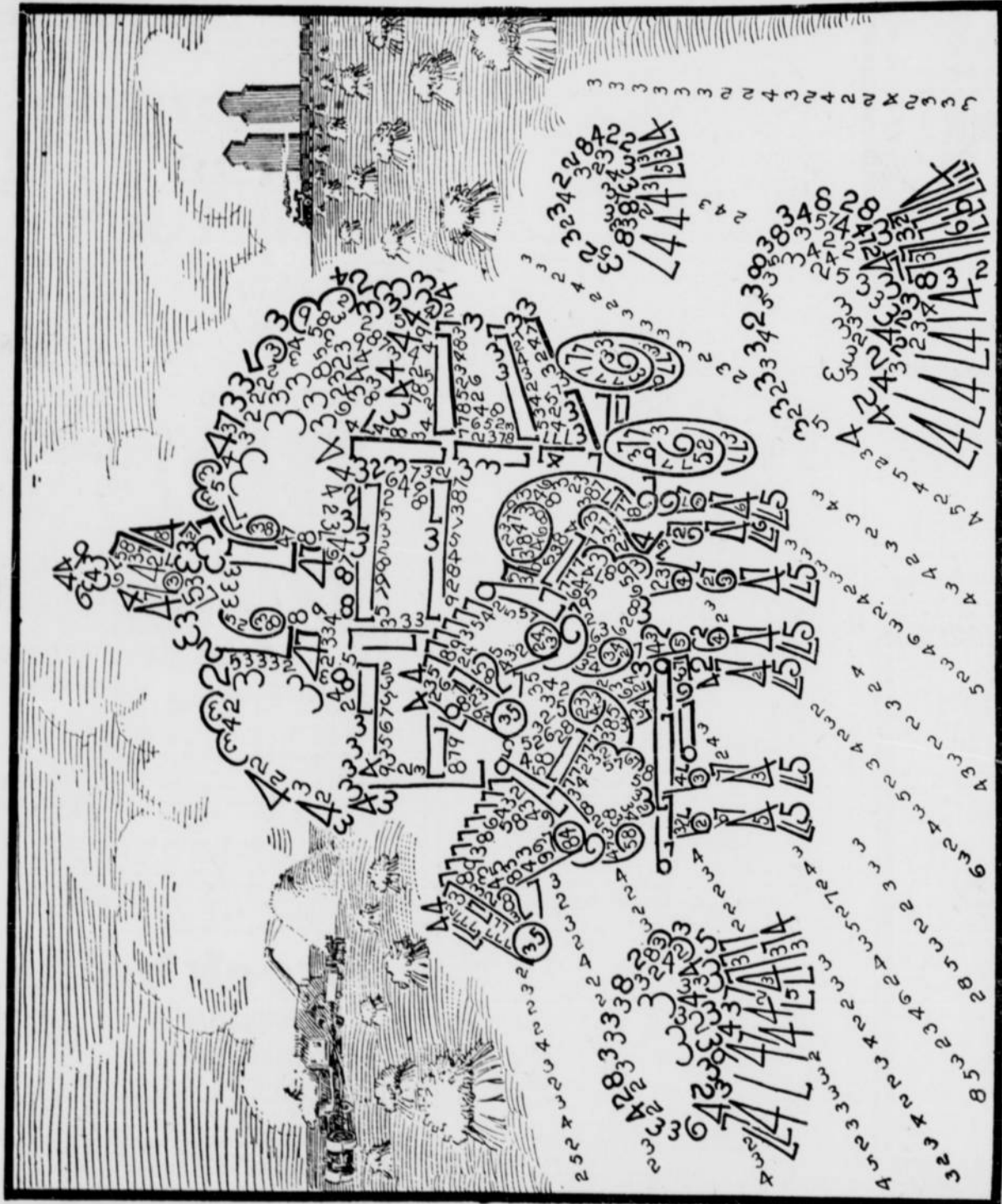


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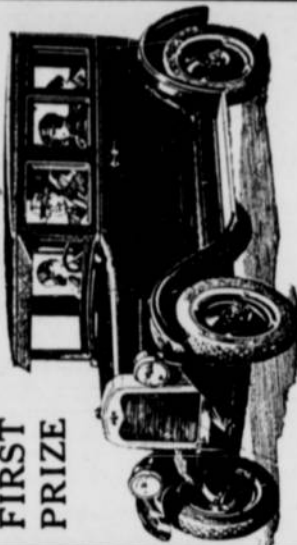


Every Reader has an Equal Chance

The problem is to find the sum total of the figures, which, when added together, represent the total number of sheaves on the field. Every figure is complete, and the drawing is entirely free from tricks and illusions, but like a lot of other things, it is not as easy as it looks. Figures (with the exception of a figure one (1) between two 4's at the bottom of the stook in the lower right hand corner of the picture) range from 2 to 9, each standing alone, thus: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. There are no other one's, nor are there any eights in the chart. The tops of the sizes are curved, while the bottoms of the nines are straight. By looking at any figure carefully you can easily tell what it is. However, to pick out all the figures and add them together correctly is a task that requires both patience and skill. This is one of the most attractive figure puzzles that has ever been produced, and it would be worth while to solve even though no prizes were offered. In the event that no one obtains the exact answer, the prizes will be awarded for the nearest correct solution. Accuracy and patience are the main factors for arriving at the correct or nearest count. Those who display these qualifications to the best advantage will solve the puzzle best.

We wish to have it clearly understood that there are no figures in any part of the background, such as that part of the field and stooks not made with figures, the threshing outfit, strawpile, train, elevator and sky. No part of the background is made with figures. There is no trick in this puzzle. Every figure can be plainly seen.

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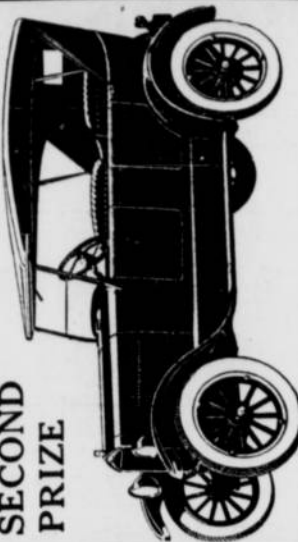


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HON. T. A. CREVIER
Who erased one or more figures from the chart.

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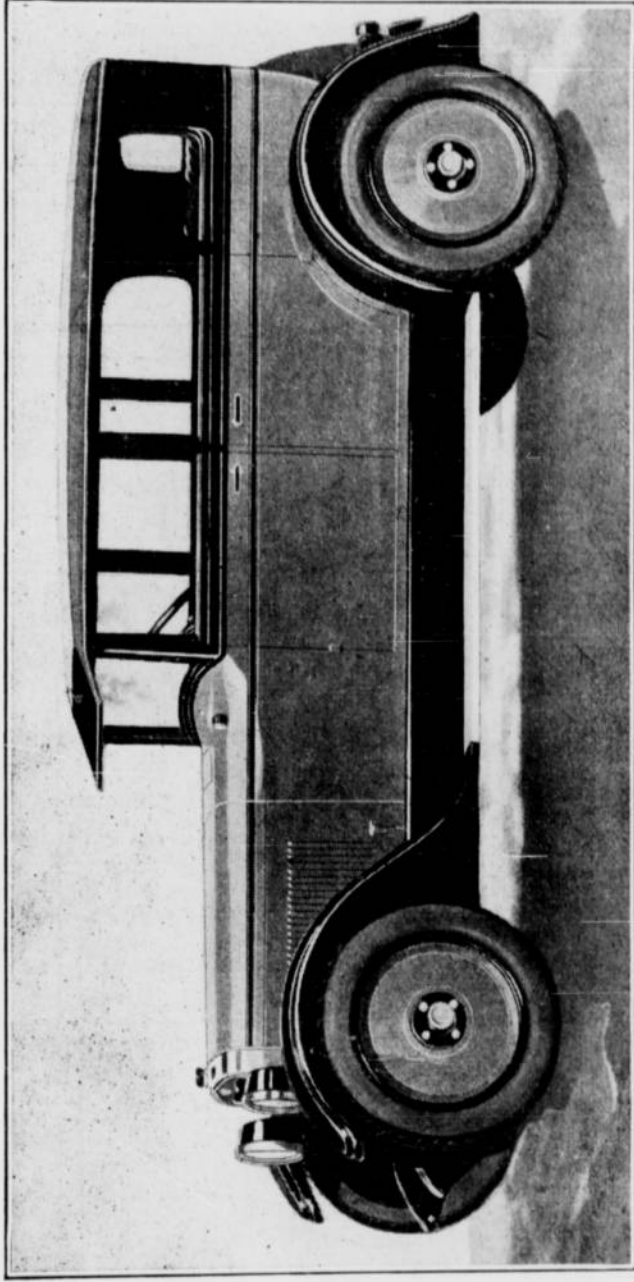
No One Knows Correct Answer

To make sure that no one knew the exact or correct answer to the problem, or how many sheaves there are in the field, Premier Bracken, of Manitoba, and Hon. T. A. Crerar, President of the United Grain Growers Limited, kindly consented to erase one or more figures from the puzzle chart. This was done at different times, consequently, no one knows just what numbers were taken out. Notes of these figures were made by Premier Bracken and Hon. T. A. Crerar, sealed and placed in a safety deposit box, where they will remain until after the close of the contest. Bear in mind that the Puzzle Contest Department knew the correct answer before some of the figures were erased. After the contest is over, the Contest Department will be informed just what numbers were erased. These numbers will be subtracted from the original correct answer, thus giving the present correct answer.

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3. Additional puzzle charts, on a good grade of paper, may be obtained by writing to The Guide. They will be mailed to you free of charge.

4. Every figure in this picture is complete, and the drawing entirely free from tricks and illusions. If any contestant is in doubt, however, about a figure, the Contest Department will be glad to give a ruling on it. Put a circle around the figure and send the marked chart with your letter.

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14. The contest will close in January, but send in your solution as soon as possible, as there are special prizes for some early solution senders. For full details see "Special Prizes."

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Nicky Nutt was resting peacefully under the old apple tree one bright day with not a care in the world. He felt like one does when the rent man and the gas man and the grocer man have been paid in full, and there is nothing to worry about until they come around again on the first of the month. That's how Nicky Nutt felt, and perhaps, Tiny, his pet elephant, who stood nearby, felt the same way, too, because he had just finished eating a lot of peanuts, and was at peace with everything and everybody. But good things don't last long, and there is always something taking the joy out of life. This time it was a little thought that came into Nicky Nutt's head as it reclined against the tree. The little thought said: "Now, Nicky Nutt, you're feeling so fine you ought to get your bagpipes and play a tune." Nicky fell for the idea and swallowed it hook, sinker and line. He roused himself and looked at Tiny in a sort of wistful way, and then said: "Go get the bagpipes, I want to play a tune." Now Tiny loved those bagpipes just like a mouse loves cats, but being a good little elephant, he promptly obeyed Nicky Nutt's command and strutted down the road to get the bagpipes. "Nicky Nutt wants what he wants when he wants it," he thought as he rounded the fence. As he reached the pipes he heard a strange noise. He looked straight at them. Mercy! the noise was coming out of the pipes. Tiny's hair was now standing on end. He had heard of haunted houses and ghosts before in his young life. Now he was right close to them and he could hear them talk. Tiny didn't like the idea of associating with ghosts so he let the pipes lay right where they were, whirled around and started at top speed to tell the news to Nicky Nutt, but when he got there he changed his mind and kept on running down the road. "Gosh, what's wrong with Tiny?" Nicky Nutt said as his pet elephant whizzed past in a hurry. Seeing that Tiny had failed in his errand, Nicky Nutt arose and started to go down the road for the pipes. "I'll go get them myself," he said.

When he got to the fence and turned the corner and gazed at the bagpipes he gave a jump. A jump of fright. He heard a noise. It came from the bagpipes. "Squeak, squeak, squeak." It was. Nicky Nutt did not stop to listen or look. He jumped like a scared rabbit, and rushed down the road shouting: "Halp, halp, halp." He almost ran into Flannelfeet's arms. "I want you to look at my bagpipes—I think they're haunted," he said in a frightened voice as the village policeman looked on in astonishment at Nicky Nutt. He had never seen him so frightened before in his life. Flannelfeet could not believe him. "Nonsense," he said, as he started out toward the bagpipes. "Come with me," Nicky Nutt followed closely behind trembling from head to foot. When Flannelfeet got there he learned that Nicky Nutt was right. For he heard the same squeaks that had made Nicky's hair stand on end. But Flannelfeet was a brave cop and refused to run. Besides he had a pistol with which he could puncture holes through those ghosts even if he had to spoil Nicky's bagpipes—which might not be a bad idea at that, he thought. Out came the gun like Bill Hart does in the movies, and Flannelfeet cocked his gun ready to pull the trigger. Nicky Nutt stood back in amazement at the bravery of Flannelfeet. But just at the moment he was about to fire the shot that would surely end the life of the ghosts, and perhaps Nicky Nutt's bagpipes, out came a row of little field mice, "squeaking" in a chorus that surely surprised Flannelfeet and Nicky Nutt. "Well, anyhow, I've save your bagpipes," said Flannelfeet as Nicky stood there looking at the little mice as they trotted out from the pipes.

Santa Claus' Birthday Party

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with such roguish vehemence that children and elves alike burst into hilarious laughter.

"Father Time said you had lost your birthday a long, long time ago," explained Jumps, sobering a little, "and that some kind friends chose one for you on this very day, so that's why we gave you a party."

"So they did, so they did, 'twas so kind of them," assented Santa Claus, and this is the finest party I've ever had; but for years now I've chosen my own birthday. Can you guess what date it is?"

"Christmas Day," shouted everybody in unison.

"The very day," he agreed, "because and the day on which the dear Christ it's the happiest day in the whole year, Child came as the best love gift to all the world."

"And, children, remember this," he said softly, "the dear Christ Child has given me the most wonderful gift of all, the secret of never growing older, that Father Time spoke about, for, said the Christ Child, 'If you are kind

to my little children always, Santa Claus, you can keep young for ever and ever.' So that is why I never grow one bit older, but just remain the way the children like me best, and I have my birthdays on Christmas Days and give them gifts because I truly love them."

"Then we love the dear Christ Child because he lets you love us, and we could never, never do without you, Santa Claus," remarked one of the children.

"We could never do without you, Santa Claus," echoed the old clock as it struck the midnight hour, which ended one of the happiest surprise birthday parties Santa Claus has ever had.

A Gentlemen Adventurer

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hunted out some special gifts of knives and tobacco from his mustabout. Young Thunder made a stately address, which Jasper interpreted. He reminded Waby-stig-wan of the service done him in the encounter with the bear. "When the Master goes to the Lake of the Marshes again," he said, "we will be his guides."



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had him fill the youngsters' stockings, and they had dog races and a big dinner of roast goose and venison. He even ventured to initiate old Father Abraham, as they called the cook, into the mysteries of making a New Year's pudding, which resulted in a gluey, brown mess which they ate with great zest, and they had a dance in the Indian Hall, with spruce decorations and a wild extravagance of fish-oil lamps. Charles led off Fraser's wife, who was fat and shapeless and overcome with embarrassed giggles, while Fraser followed with Mrs. Jasper, and they all had a very happy time indeed.

At last the one great event of the winter came. The winter packet, the mail that came up by dog train from the south, was due at Fort Thompson, on the other side of the lake, and it was the duty of the man in charge of Fort Hearne to go after it. There were two ways of crossing the lake: one was the Grand Traverse, straight south as an arrow would go—a journey which could be accomplished in two days. The other, around by the shore, following every indent and bay of the jagged coast line, would consume almost two weeks, but was safe, while the Grand Traverse was risky; unless the weather remained clear there was great danger of being lost.

It was characteristic of Charles that he chose the Grand Traverse. He wanted to run hard and straight for that packet. There would be a letter in it from Archie and there would be news of Flora.

The dogs were brought out and dressed in their best harness with bright ribbons and bells. He had a fine team of dogs, picked from the best the fort could produce. He had driven them all winter and had given them the names of the men in the service who had impressed him most. The plump, cheery fellow who came with wagging tail when the harness was brought out was named Ross, after the genial host of Lower Fort Garry. MacNeill was given to the one that was never to be trusted and that always sneaked away behind the corral when it was time for him to be harnessed. The sulky brute that snarled and bit on all sides was dubbed "Old Murder," the name Cameron being sacred to Charles; and his favorite, the tall, strong, patient leader, was called MacDonald. Charles found something soothing to his chafed spirit in being able to yell anathemas at MacNeill and call Old Murder ill names as he flew across the snow.

Charles and Jasper started off in the dusk of the afternoon, intending to travel by night and use the day for making camp and sleeping. They sped away into the whirling glory of the winter night, but they had not gone far before the dancing lights of heaven disappeared and a blinding mist hit all landmarks. After a long night of wandering they came upon a point of land jutting into the lake. The pale, chill dawn was displaying the bleak landscape, and they found they had travelled in a circle and were standing on a cape almost visible from the door of the fort.

So the Grand Traverse had failed. There was nothing to do but to go patiently around by the shore, and Charles remembered MacDonald's words as they strolled beside Playgreen Lake that summer evening that now seemed so far away. The journey was long and toilsome, with wolves always loping along at a safe distance behind, and sitting patiently on their haunches when they camped.

His old acquaintance, Templeton, spied the dog-train far off and had his flag flying in welcome. He came running down the long tunnel of snow to the fort gate as they swept up with a gay jingle of bells.

The three white men at Fort Thompson were starving for company and wanted to talk, but they mercifully gave Charles time to look over his mail as he sat steaming before the fire.

There was a pile of papers to be laid aside for future use, and a glorious package of letters addressed to "Apprentice Clerk Charles Edward Stuart, Fort Garry or Elsewhere." Charles shrugged sarcastically. "Or Elsewhere" would likely be his address for the next four years. He scrambled through his

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mother's letters first, just to see that she was well and happy, and then he tore open Archie's, a curious lump in his throat at the sight of the familiar handwriting. But he could not take time to peruse the long, newsy pages. He was searching greedily for one item of news without which all the rest was blank. He read on and on. Archie was lonely . . . had been to church. . . . Johnny McBain . . . MacNeill. . . . He had a Buffalo runner, had ridden him to the Lower Fort. . . . The second Ross girl, the one with the red hair, was married to . . . Hang it! What did he care whom the second Ross girl married? Why couldn't Archie come to the point? Ah! here it was at last! Yes, he had ridden down the highway that very afternoon that Charles had left and met Miss Carmichael, and she had given him the enclosed note the next time he saw her.

The note! Charles snatched at the little scrap of paper, dropping Archie's letter in a whirling cloud, and Templeton, smoking impatiently on the other side of the fire till his visitor was ready to talk again, looked up quickly:

"Not bad news I hope, Mr. Stuart?"

"No, oh, no! Good—I—I think—I'm not sure," said Charles, clutching the little perfumed note. And then he knew it was the best news in the world. She had not forgotten him.

"Dear Monsieur Chevalier: It seems that the fates have decreed that we must not ride together. The first time you suggested it you were banished to the Badger Holes, the second time you were sent to the ends of the earth. There must be some bad luck about it." It ran on gaily. Pelly Noir was behaving like a gentleman, and Burk sent his respects. Kildonan Church was filled and Mr. Black preached grand sermons. Her aunt had not been very well; they were living very quietly. . . . Mr. Sinclair had told her about his trouble and she considered Chief Factor MacNeill a tyrant, and she had turned Jacobite, and she and Mr. Sinclair were always singing.

"Wha wadna fecht for Charlie?"

Wha wadna draw the sword?"

Charles's eyes were shining when he folded the letter, putting Archie's into his coat pocket and the little note inside the inner pocket of his deerskin shirt.

"The news was good, all right," remarked Templeton. "Have you fallen into an estate, or got your commission, or what?"

For all he was a hardened voyageur, Charles blushed boyishly. He might have answered that he had received something far greater than the rulers of Rupert's Land could give him.

It was a wonderful visit. They talked and feasted and held a high carnival of sports, ending up with racing their dog teams, a performance which resulted in a raging, howling tangle of dogs and harness, out of which Old Murder was dragged hanging fiercely to the throat of MacNeill, and was only with whip and voice prevented from putting an end to his fellow-traveller.

On the third afternoon Charles left for home. He did not attempt the Grand Traverse on the return journey. He was not in such mad haste now, but he

ran swiftly, his feet winged with joy and hope. He came sweeping up to the fort one afternoon, setting all the dogs barking and everyone came running out to welcome him back. Fraser ran far down the trail, Father Abraham and Doggie at his heels. The fort was in perfect order, and Fraser was proud and happy over its spotless efficiency.

It was some time before Charles was able to sit down and give his undivided attention to his letters. There was one from Johnny McBain which he hadn't even opened at Fort Thompson. Poor Johnny had fallen upon evil days. Norway House had been a mad house, he declared, for weeks after the Athabasca Brigade had left. Old Murder had used his fists on two of his fellow-officers, and everyone knew that next summer, when the Council met, he would have to be sent home to an asylum. Of course it was mostly on account of Marie Rose. He hadn't been a human being since she disappeared. Johnny supposed, rather fatuously, that Charles had heard all about it, but, fortunately went on to tell it nevertheless.

The day after the Athabasca Brigade sailed the Western men had left, and Cameron sent Marie Rose with them to Fort Saskatchewan to marry McRae. The fellows all said she didn't want to go—Charles possibly knew why, the writer interpolated. Anyway, when the brigade got up the river beyond Carlton House, near where her grandmother's people lived, she went off in a canoe with some of them one night and had never been heard of since.

Charles sat alone by his smouldering fire and lived again that sunny afternoon when the Athabasca men passed the Westerners camped high on the bank of the Saskatchewan. He saw again that little lone figure poised on the rock, waving the bright shawl. And that had been Marie Rose! She had been signalling him for help probably, and he had sailed past her without even a word of comfort or cheer. He leaned forward, his head in his hands, his big boy-heart heavy and sick.

And so the little wild rose had gone back to the wilderness where it rightly belonged. He wondered what had been her fate; the favorite squaw of some young hunter, likely; treated as a slave, made to carry the burdens and clean the furs! He felt the stinging tears spring to his eyes at the thought. Poor little Marie Rose!

To be continued next week

Farmer Turns to Fiction

It may be a bit of a surprise to some Guide readers to learn that the author of the leading story in this issue, A Christmas Triangle, is a Saskatchewan farmer. This is the second story The Guide has used from this new Western Canadian writer, the other being A Stranger Within The Gate. His name, you know now of course, is Slater—John F.

He was born at Sale, Cheshire, England; educated at the Sale Grammar School and Manchester Municipal Secondary School.

In 1907 he left England with his parents for a homestead in Saskatchewan, in what is now the Kindersley district.

He drove oxen for seven years, during which period he acquired a wide and fluent vocabulary and a wealth of material which proved of great value, when later he commenced to write fiction.

He ponders his plots while doing his daily chores, and has been unjustly accused of thinking out a story by the light of a milk pail hung on the wall, while directing strong streams of milk into a lantern between his knees.



The Discovery of Agriculture

Of course, we know that Saunders discovered Marquis wheat, but we do not know who was the person to discover the value of grain as food, nor do we know the name of the person who first discovered the art of agriculture. We do, however, know where the art originated, and our thanks for this interesting piece of information are due to Professor Cherry, of Melbourne University, Australia.

Towards the close of the Old Stone Age, in what is known as the Monstorian Period, mankind employed barley and millet for food, but they did not grow the grain themselves; nature was the farmer whilst man wandered from place to place looking for pasture for his flocks and food for himself. Like all people of a low type of culture, Monstorian man had no thought for the morrow, but feasted whenever the opportunity appeared, and starved until the next feast appeared.

Then someone discovered that grains could be stored away for future use as food, a most tremendous discovery in those days, for, with his winter supply stored away handy, man had no further need to wander in search of food. To show the effect of this discovery, let us compare the extent of the earliest civilizations. The earliest, or pre-Chellean evidences are found in Europe, Asia, Egypt, Africa and even so far as India, but with the Aurignacian period which followed the Monstorian, we find the evidences are confined to the Mediterranean region. Possibly the genius who made the discovery was a woman, she having usually the greatest thought of provision for the needs of inner man.

Aurignacian man, we are informed (1), was certainly of the same species of mankind as we ourselves; not an ape-like man, but a man with a modern type of brain, but of course, not nearly so intellectual as a man of today. He certainly was a great thinker and had made very great progress upon the culture of his predecessors. Where he came from, we do not know. All we can say is that his remains are confined entirely to the Mediterranean Basin. This is the gentleman who discovered agriculture.

Aurignacian man was a Stone Age man. His period really sounds the close of the Old Stone Age, and ushers in the new Stone Age. Since he was a Stone Age man, we naturally expect to find that agriculture started in a flint-producing region, because man yesterday did just what man is doing today. Today we find the people living as closely as possible alongside sources of natural wealth; cities are thriving alongside oil-field, coal-fields, mines, and so forth. So in the Stone Age, man made his community centres near to sources of flint, from which he made his implements and weapons to obtain food. So far as the Mediterranean Basin is concerned, the Nile Valley and Delta are the best flint-producing centres. Again, since man was gaining his knowledge by experience, we look for a region which would give us a natural reason for man learning the art of agriculture, especially so since the first method of agriculture practiced was that of irrigation; dry culture was much later. There is only one region in all the world which can satisfy our needs—the Nile Valley.

Every year the river Nile rises in flood and overflows its banks, and on subsiding leaves a deposit of very rich silt, splendid for agricultural purposes. Man was dependent on the Nile for his grain supply entirely, but had not discovered the importance of the flood. Starting to rise in July, it reaches its maximum flood in September, and returns to normal level in November. By December, the crop would be well sprouted, and the warm climate would soon ripen the grain. Those seeds which man and the birds did not eat would fall on the ground, and thanks to the dry climate, would not be subject to rust nor mildew. By June, they would be all ready for the moisture. Then comes the flood, which, depositing its silt, covers the grain with sufficient mud to give it a stand; and so, year after year, the river was trying to show man the art of irrigation. All that

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Toronto Royal Show

Western Percherons and Herefords make exceptionally fine showing—Steers from Universities of Alberta and Manitoba stand high in respective classes

IN the week from November 14 to 19, which provided every kind of weather, Toronto witnessed the passing of another Royal Winter Fair, and pronounced it a complete success from the standpoint of attendance and the quality of large stock displayed. Western entries were not heavy, but the large number of firsts and seconds won by the small draft of livestock from the prairies, indicates that the old standard of quality was maintained. Elsewhere in this issue of The Guide appears a cut of some of the western champions, but in addition to these winners of supreme honors there was a very creditable showing.

Western Percherons made a clean sweep of major honors, due to the fine string shipped East from the Acme stud of Davenport and Greenway. This Alberta firm won all male championships, securing senior grand champion stallion with Marathon of Acme, and junior and reserve grand with Carnon, reserve senior with Jasta of Acme, and the reserve junior with Rex of Acme.

They also secured senior and grand championship for mares with Turquoise of Acme. James Ramsey, of Lauder, got reserve senior and reserve grand championship on Dolly Henry. R. H. Brown, of Dauphin, got junior female championship on Madeline.

R. H. Brown won first for two animals three years and under, progeny of one dam; Davenport and Greenway, second and third.

Davenport got first and second for three, get of sire.

In the Clydesdale classes, David Binnie, Rosser, Man., scored a distinct triumph in winning first with Deanston Leah, in a strong class of three-year-old mares. Swanton Haggerty, Belle Plain, Sask., carried away a second for mares foaled in 1923. In this same class W. A. Burnett, Napinka, Man., took third with Border Belle, and the University of Alberta, fifth, on a filly got by Craigie Masterpiece.

Breeding Cattle

Western readers will be more interested in Hereford placings, as the prairie provinces were more largely represented. Hysop and Sons, of Kilarney, and Moffat, of Moffat, Ont., were down, and two famous Alberta herds, Collicutt, of Crossfield, and Boggs, of Daysland, and six Ontario herds were also entered. Boggs won the senior and grand championship with Don Columbus Jr., and Collicutt the junior and reserve grand with Willow

Spring Gay Lad 515. The reserve senior championship went to Collicutt for Willow Spring V.C., and the reserve junior championship to Hysop and Sons for Masquerador Fairfax 3rd, the Guelph champion. In the bull classes, Collicutt got three first placings, Boggs one and Hysop one, so that all first placings for bulls of the breed are going West.

In female classes, all first places but one went West. Collicutt won first and fourth for cow, three or over; Boggs third and Hysop fifth. Collicutt first and second, and Boggs fourth for heifer, two years old; Boggs first and third for heifer, senior yearling; Collicutt first, Hysop second and Boggs fifth for heifer junior yearling; Collicutt first and third, Boggs sixth and seventh for senior heifer calf; there were no western entries in the class for junior heifer calves, and first went to J. E. Harris, of Kingsville, Ont.

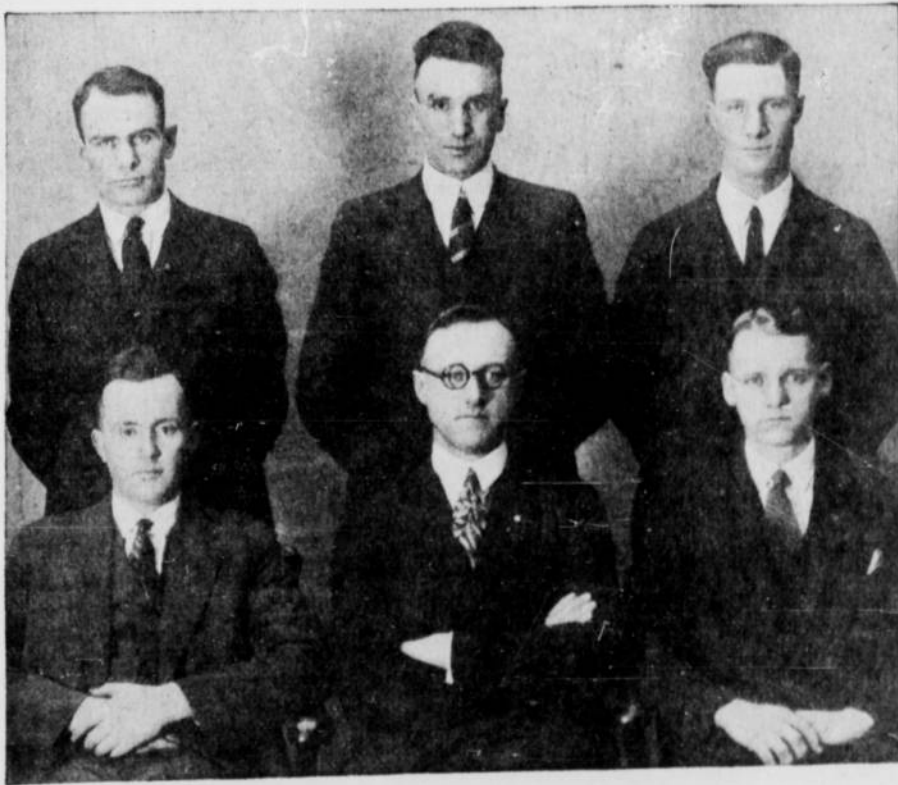
Albertans cleaned up the Hereford championships. In females, junior and grand championship went to Collicutt on W. S. Gay Lass 454. Senior and reserve championship went to the same herd on W. S. Gay Lass 256. Boggs won reserve junior female championship on Miss Panama 2nd. Supreme male honors went to Boggs' herd bull Columbus Don Junior.

Shorthorns

Interest was keen, especially in the aged Shorthorn bull class as the King of the Fairies, from the Prince of Wales' ranch, and Manor Chief 9th, belonging to Amos and Black, of Moffat, Ont., were again in competition in addition to five other outstanding bulls. The King of the Fairies was in much better show shape than last year, and Mr. Duncan, after the judging was over, remarked that he had a specially fine head and any amount of breed character. He got first place in the aged class and was later made senior and grand champion.

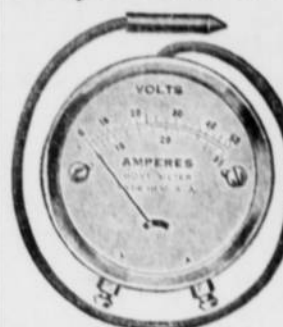
Aberdeen-Angus

There was strong American competition in the Aberdeen-Angus classes. Western exhibits were confined to Harry Leader's three heifers by Prizmere 12th, H. G. Morrison's cow, Barbara McHenry, from Lacombe, and a junior heifer calf, owned by Elbridge Good, of Fillmore, Sask. A good deal of disappointment was expressed at the absence of J. D. McGregor's L.E.S. Prince Eliminator. The animal got hurt shortly before shipping time.



Winners of the W. C. Macdonald trophy for livestock judging at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, Ont. The Manitoba Agricultural College team which won the trophy this year by a margin of eleven points, over a team from the University of Alberta. Seated, left to right—E. M. Scott, Prof. H. B. Sommerfeld (coach), Jas. W. Walter. Standing, left to right—M. J. McPhail, W. H. McEwen, Roy West.

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The reserve senior grand went to Morrison for Brabara McHenry. She was first in a class of four cows three and over. Leader got second, third and fourth on his three heifers in a class of seven.

Steers

In Shorthorn steers Alberta got first and second for senior yearlings, George Tait, Warrenton, Man., first and reserve champion for junior yearling. University of Alberta was second and Manitoba Agricultural College fourth in this class, and R. A. Wright, of Drinkwater, Sask., got first for junior calf.

In Hereford steer classes University of Alberta won the championship of the breed and first for senior yearling, first for junior yearling and first for junior calf. Manitoba Agricultural College got fourth and Moffatt, of Carroll, sixth for junior yearlings of the breed.

In Aberdeen-Angus steer classes University of Alberta got third for senior yearling, first, fourth and sixth for junior yearling, first and third for junior calf. John Brown, of Brandon, got third for his junior yearling.

The entries of grade and cross-bred steers was enormous, there being as many as 51 in some classes. There were a good many tail enders, more than there should have been at a show of this kind, but the tops were excellent. The championship went to J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont., for Wee Dale, and the reserve to Manitoba Agricultural College for Bowman Victor, first in a class of 23. University of Alberta got ninth, and Frank Collicutt seventh in a class of 21 junior yearlings. These were all the western entries in grades and cross breeds.

Draft Horses

The showing of six horses, heavy draft teams, which was a feature of the Saturday night horse show program, brought three competitors into the ring. The Manitoba Cartage and Warehousing Company won second, and the Dominion Transport, Toronto, first and third.

In the light draft two-horse teams, Boyd Bros., of Warrenton, Manitoba, were first in a class of six entries, with Jack and Kate; and second and fourth in the class for single light draft mares or geldings with the same two. In heavy draft two-horse teams, first and third went to the Dominion Transport, Toronto; and second and fourth to the

Manitoba Cartage and Warehousing Company. There were 12 entries in this class, which was one of the showy ones of the day.

In the class for single draft mare or gelding, Chief, of the Manitoba Cartage, got third place; first, second and fourth going to the Dominion Transport. There were 17 entries in this class.

Neither Alberta nor Saskatchewan had entries for these draft classes of mares or geldings.

In a class of 22 competitors for hard spring wheat, Saskatchewan pulled off first, second, third, fifth, sixth and seventh placings.

The winners were: W. L. Clegg, of Dahinda; I. C. Glenn, of Milestone; R. H. Carter, of Muscow; J. B. Amable, Moose Jaw; D. G. Salkeld, Richlea, and A. Dowling, Lustela, in the order named.

Grain Awards

Wm. Darnborough, of Laura, Sask., made a killing in grain classes, securing first for blue field peas and first for six-rowed barley, with O. A. C. No. 21, and the Canada Malting special for best malting sample and first for timothy seed; Donald Munro, of Warrenton, got second for timothy.

Rambles in Bookland

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want thrills, this is where to find them, thrills from a battlefield in the Great War that few heard anything about. It is an expensive book but worth the money. This book is selling well.

For the person who likes something more profound, there is The New Decalogue of Science, by Albert Edward Wiggin; Lord Grey's Memoirs and the Life of King Edward. And there are many, many more, of all kinds, to suit all kinds of folks, both those who like the very, very new and those who like what is sanctioned by time.

And the clerks have their difficulties too. A very young girl came to the head of the department while I was talking to him and asked: "Have we a leather edition of Kane Air?"

They had, but when the manager produced it, the title was Jane Eyre. And another puzzled young assistant worried some time over Dead Earth, but the experienced head reached readily for Barren Ground, which was received with a sigh of relief by the worried buyer.—L. B. T.

Marley's Ghost

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be looking for him. Let her look! Her ghost had flitted away, and Rodney savagely resolved that he was going to stay away.

After awhile he heard a banjo and the sound of Oh, Susanna, and the shuffling of feet. They had started without him. Inwardly he groaned. Life hereafter would be hardly worth living.

The door of the boiler-room creaked ponderously open. Rodney crouched breathlessly lower, but no enraged Miss Sydney appeared. The unsteady figures of old Ed. Stebbins and one of his disreputable companions lurched in.

The two men had evidently been celebrating Christmas not wisely but too well. From old Ed's thick utterances Rodney gathered that they planned to continue the celebration. Old Ed. waved his arm uncertainly in the air and exulted,

"Roun' the corner. Jush round' the corner. Lotsh of it! Sheas of it! Merry Chrismash! Lotsh of money. All alone here. We can count all money for mushie boxsh." Rodney's bulging eyes saw the man open the tin box he held in his hand. "Nish money for lil' chilern's mushie boxsh. No mushie boxsh now. Nev' mind. Ed. Stebbins shing for 'em."

Rodney understood. The two had somehow made off with the money from the sale of tickets. He wondered if he could use football tactics, bowl the men over, and get the money. Then he remembered. The men were drunk and he was a ghost.

Old Ed handed the box to his friend to gloat over. Then Rodney slowly advanced from his corner. When the pair of convivial spirits looked up they beheld an eerie figure, whose uncanny eyes burnt through them, advancing with outstretched hands.

"Holy Mother! It's a spirit!" gasped Ed's companion, and babbled in maudlin terror as Rodney took the box from his unresisting hands.

But old Ed was made of sterner stuff. For a moment he stood stupefied, then, as he saw the ghost rapidly disappearing he shouted, "Hey, you ghosht, bring back that money," and gave chase.

Rodney's sheet proved a veritable hobbleskirt. At the foot of the stairs he stumbled over it and fell heavily. His pursuer toppled over him. Clutching the money box with one hand he struck out wildly with the other. His mother's best sheet obligingly ripped and old Ed fell back. On up the stairs ran Rodney—a weird, white, shapeless figure borne by two long, thin black legs. Still the dauntless Ed followed him, uttering horrible threats in a voice of thunder.

Rodney reached the hall and burst madly into the auditorium. Down the aisle he went, unaware of the hundreds of startled eyes turned toward him. When old Ed came pitching hazily after him the crowd rose excitedly.

Rodney reached the stage. The principal had been stopped in the middle of his announcement that owing to the disappearance of one of the players "The Christmas Carol" would have to be at least temporarily postponed.

"Here's your money!" Rodney had barely time to shove the box at the principal's feet before he was dragged behind the scenes by an almost hysterical Miss Sydney.

Explanations followed in the little dressing-room, with the principal and Miss Sydney openly grateful and admiring. One of the minstrels was there too, round-eyed and breathless. When he had gone to spread the news and the principal walked out to apologize for the delay, Miss Sydney gushed,

"Oh, Rodney, I can't take time to thank you. Your play is next. Go on out and keep them entertained now and I'll talk to you later.

In a moment Rodney was marching on the stage with his head held much higher than becomes the melancholy shade of a departed sinner. When Serooge demanded whom he was, the voice of the very boy who had called him "teacher's pet" rang out,

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A Wedding of Interest

On Saturday, November 14, in St. Matthews Church, Winnipeg, Miss Margaret M. Speechly, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Speechly, and Mr. Edmund John Stansfield, son of the late E. H. Stansfield, of Queensland, Australia, and Mrs. Stansfield, were married.

Miss Speechly is a graduate of Manitoba Agricultural College, in the science of Home Economics. For the past five years she has been a member of The Guide editorial staff. She has contributed many articles on practical



Mrs. E. J. Stansfield (nee Miss Margaret M. Speechly).

household topics as well as many others of general interest.

Mr. Stansfield farms near Atwater, Saskatchewan. He was a diploma student at Manitoba Agricultural College. He has taken a keen and active interest in farm organizations, both in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and in agricultural societies.

On the occasion of Miss Speechly's departure from the office, The Guide staff presented her with silver flatware in the Adam pattern. The Guide's regret in losing Miss Speechly is tempered by the fact that she has given as her promise that she will still contribute articles to these columns—as many as her work and duties as farm homemaker will permit.

Our Native Trees

A study of the Cedar, one of Canada's most useful trees

By DAN McCOWAN

IT is a somewhat curious circumstance that while cedars are not to be found rooted in the arable parts of the prairie provinces, yet separate species of these fine trees grow, one on the eastern and one on the western boundary of the great interior plains of



A group of Red Cedars

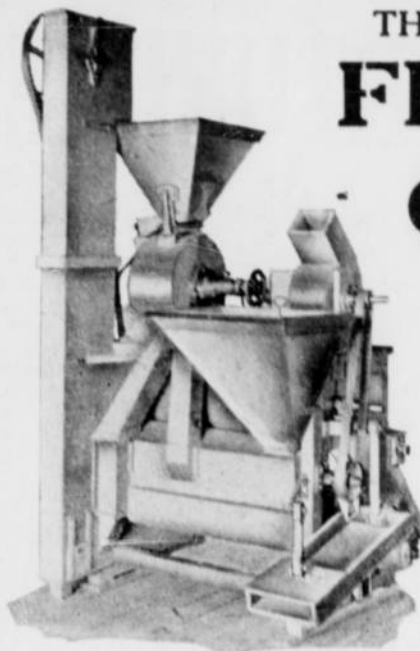
Canada. The White Cedar, ranging from Nova Scotia westward through Quebec and Ontario, is present in Manitoba, particularly by the shores of Lake Winnipeg. The Red Cedar or Western Cedar is confined to British Columbia. As timber trees, both types are extremely valuable, forming, as they do, a very important natural resource.

The Red Cedar grows to a great size, specimens having been found over 200 feet in height and 15 feet in diameter at the base. The trunk is noticeably tapered, the base being greatly swollen. Where the forest growth is dense there are but few branches on the lower part of this tree. The leaves are shorter and more stubby than those on other needle-leaved trees. The bark is cocoa-nut brown in color, and being composed of long fibres is easily pulled apart and shredded. Thickly clustered at the ends of the twigs are the cones, these being about half-an-inch in length and cinnamon colored. A great quantity of seed is produced by the bearing trees as, unlike many of the conifers the cedar cones mature in one season.

The wood of the Red Cedar is light in weight, soft, and of close straight grain. It is easily worked and does not readily shrink, warp or swell. It is noted for its abnormal rot-resisting qualities. It is perhaps the most durable of all coniferous wood. In the growing tree the thin belt of sap wood is white in color, the heart wood in mature trees being brownish red. In the large sawmills where cedar logs are being converted into lumber the air is heavy with an aromatic odor from the freshly sawn wood. When burned as firewood it emits a pleasing fragrance, this characteristic being responsible for the botanical name of Thuja or Sacrifice Wood given to this species of tree.

To the native Indians of the Pacific slope the Red Cedar tree was invaluable. From it they built their great communal houses, carved their towering totem poles and hewed their war canoes. Extraordinary hats were fashioned from cedar, these, painted in garish colors, being worn by the head men of the tribes. The bark, shredded and woven into a coarse cloth, was made into garments by the women. In the diary of Alexander Henry, the famous explorer and trader, is to be found an entry bearing on the uses to which this fabric as put. He wrote: "Observed several native women bathing at Astoria; the operation over they used their cedar coverings as towels and after drying themselves, tied them around their waists and walked away."

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The White Cedar is a comparatively small tree, seldom exceeding 60 feet in height and three feet in trunk diameter. It thrives best in moist soil and even in swampy places where, unlike the Red Cedar, it may be found growing in pure stands. This species of tree is in great demand for telegraph and telephone poles, for fence posts, railroad ties and, when converted into lumber, is extensively used in the construction of boats, tanks and cisterns.

We read much concerning the red wood trees of California; we have long heard of Britain's sturdy oaks; we speak almost reverently of the trees which clothed Mount Lebanon. Seeing the magnificent cedars which stand in stately grandeur in the forests of Western Canada we are moved to wonder, and, conscious of great national possessions such as this, are filled with a pardonable pride.

Eve's Appetite

"One day," said a story-teller, "at the close of a hot day, Adam was returning with his hoe on his shoulder from a hard day's labor to his humble cottage. Maybe it was a cave. That don't matter for it was an humble abode. Young Cain was running ahead, boylike, throwing rocks at the birds. Suddenly they came upon a beautiful garden.

"O father," said Cain, "look at that beautiful garden. I wish we could live there."

"We did live in that garden," said Adam regretfully, "until your mother ate us out of house and home."—The Christian Evangelist.

The Discovery of Agriculture

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remained was for some genius to take advantage of the lesson, and increase the acreage under irrigation. Aurignacian man learnt his lesson, and by digging channels for irrigation, brought more land under cultivation. In such manner was agriculture discovered.

Tremendous progress in culture followed upon the heels of irrigation. The whole story would be too long to discuss here, but it may conservatively be stated that the discovery of agriculture really laid the foundation of civilization. Astronomy, for instance, really commences with the Solar Calendar, which came into use through early man's attempt to reckon the time at which the river would rise. Ruling families started with the possession of the Nileometer, the most accurate means of foretelling flood-date, and so forth. Those who wish may read the story for themselves in *Origins of Magic and Religion, or Growth of Civilization*, both by W. J. Perry.—W. H. Corkill.

Mistletoe Magic

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everything in heaven and earth rejoiced.

The mistletoe, innocent cause of his death, sprinkled with her tears, became covered with berries like pearls. An old verse runs:

"And the tears of Freya are shining now

Like orient pearls on the mistletoe bough."

Thus the mistletoe became sacred to the goddess, telling mortals of the power of love over all things.

When the mistletoe hangs, this Christmas-tide, over the doorways, it will remind mortals once again of love's strength, of her magic and her eternal youth, for maidens will always delight to give, and lovers to receive, the sweet stolen kiss under the mistletoe.

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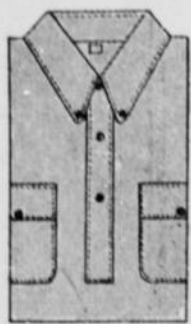
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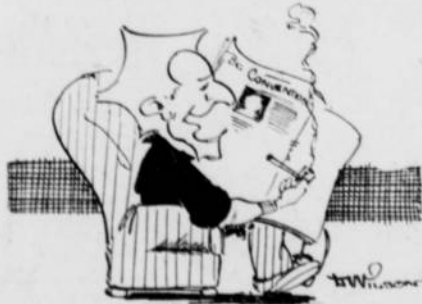
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WINNIPEG—Eggs: Receipts for the week ending November 21, were 144 cases. The market is steady with fresh receipts light. Dealers are quoting country shippers extras 65c, firsts 50c to 55c, seconds 32c to 33c. Jobbing fresh extras 70c, firsts 56c, seconds 35c, storage extras 46c, firsts 42c, seconds 34c. Poultry: Receipts show an increase. Live springs 14c to 19c, fowl 9c to 14c, roosters 6c, ducks 10c, geese 9c, turkeys 14c to 20c. Dressed springs 19c to 26c, fowl 13c to 19c, turkeys 20c to 26c.

SASKATCHEWAN—Eggs: Conditions on the market are practically unchanged. Regina reports the movement confined entirely to withdrawals from storage stocks with prices stiffening. A slight increase in fresh arrivals is reported from North Battleford with prices to gatherers, extras 50c, firsts 45c. North Battleford also reports a slight falling off in demand for storage eggs. A car of storage seconds is rolling to Toronto costing 33c delivered, also two cars storage seconds to Quebec city. A car of storage firsts is rolling from Swift Current to Sydney, costing 37c f.o.b., Winnipeg. Poultry: Receipts are still increasing. Regina reports a brisker movement and dressed poultry with jobbers looking for increased impetus. A heavy delivery of turkeys is expected next week at North Battleford.

EDMONTON AND CALGARY—Eggs: Fresh eggs continue scarce throughout Alberta, and at Edmonton are retailing extras 90c, firsts 75c. British Columbia pullets extras are selling at Calgary at \$15 per case. Poultry: The market is firm and stocks are moving freely.

BRITISH BACON MARKET

Canadian baled bacon 1225 to 1245 per 112 lbs. (26 1/2c to 26 3/4c per lb.), boxes 1205 to 1235 (26c to 26 1/2c). American 1145 to 1185 (24 1/2c to 25 1/2c). Irish 1345 to 1405 (29c to 30 1/2c). Danish 1305 to 1365 (28 1/2c to 29 1/2c). The market was firm and advanced under an extreme scarcity of supplies. Danish killings estimated at 60,000 head.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET

There were 803 Canadian cattle sold at Glasgow on Saturday last. Good Ontario steers realized from 10c to 11 1/2c per lb., alive, with a few tops up to 13c. There were also 40 bulls sold, good quality ranging from 8c to 9 1/2c, and medium selling at 7c. A sale of 120 Canadians was made on Monday also at from 10c to 11 1/2c. Western cattle generally sold 1/2c below the above mentioned prices. Scotch baby beef topped at 17c, while heavy and prime cattle brought from 14c to 15 1/2c. There were 700 Irish cattle sold at Glasgow, best quality made from 11c to 11 1/2c, with a few of extra special steers selling up to 12c and 12 1/2c. Good Irish steers sold at 11c and plainer sorts from 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c.

Sales of Canadian cattle at Birkenhead totalled 650 head. Steers sold within a range of from 18c to 19 1/2c per lb. in sink (dressed weight including offal). Cows 12 1/2c to 13 1/2c. Bulls 10 1/2c to 11 1/2c. Irish sales amounted to 7,000 cattle. Prices were mostly from 17 1/2c to 19 1/2c.

London reports the sale of 150 Canadian dressed sides of beef. Fair quality sold at 17c and choice at 19c. Demand was moderate and the tendency of the market rather firm.

Non-Pool Wheat Prices

The Following Statement has been compiled by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange following a meeting held at the Exchange.

On July 14, 1925, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd., or "Wheat Pool," over the signature of D. McRae, general manager, sent a circular to its members, in which the following statement appeared:

"We have no hesitation in stating that the prices which the pool has already paid, including this one, for wheat delivered to it by its members, on the average are much higher than those which have been paid to the farmers who have refrained from joining the pool."

This statement is not in accordance with the facts as shown by an independent audit made by Price, Waterhouse & Co., which follows:

Price, Waterhouse & Co.,
Union Trust Building,
Winnipeg.

This is to certify that we have audited all of the non-pool wheat account sales of fifteen representative elevator companies covering the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, for the period from September 15, 1924, to July 15, 1925.

In making this audit fullest co-operation was afforded us by the elevator companies, and all account sales of non-pool farmers' grain were included, without exception, all documents requested being produced and carefully scrutinized by us.

We find that the average wheat prices by grade, per bushel, in store at Fort William and Port Arthur terminals realized for the producers' account were as follows:

No. 1 Northern	\$1.668	No. 4 Smutty	\$1.226
No. 2 Northern	1.643	No. 3 Northern—Damp	1.541
No. 3 Northern	1.584	No. 4 Damp	1.405
No. 4	1.493	No. 6 Damp	1.201
No. 5	1.384	No. 1 Northern—Rejected	1.486
No. 6	1.227	No. 3 Northern—Rejected	1.389
Feed	1.047	No. 4 Rejected	1.323
No. 1 Northern—Tough	1.595	No. 5 Rejected	1.139
No. 2 Northern—Tough	1.580	No. 4 Tough—Rejected	1.234
No. 3 Northern—Tough	1.541	No. 4 Kota	1.606
No. 4 Tough	1.458	No. 2 Durum	1.513
No. 5 Tough	1.295	No. 3 Durum	1.546
No. 6 Tough	1.120	No. 4 Durum	1.498
Feed—Tough	1.048	No. 3 Durum—Tough	1.470
No. 2 Northern—Smutty	1.529	No. 4 Durum—Tough	1.427

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Dated at Winnipeg, October 1, 1925.

A comparative statement showing the pool payments for the same particular grades is shown hereunder, as evidenced by Mr. McRae's letters of July 14 and September 5, 1925:

Grade.	Final Pool Gross Price.	Deduction retained by Pool.	Final Pool Payment to Grower.	Non-Pool Certified Aver. Payment to Grower.	Gain per Bus. to Non-Pool Grower.	Gain per Bus. to Pool Grower.
1 Northern	\$1.66	4.30c	\$1.617	\$1.668	5.1c	—
2 Northern	1.61	4.25	1.567	1.643	7.60	—
3 Northern	1.55	4.19	1.5081	1.584	7.59	—
4 Northern	1.47	4.11	1.4289	1.493	6.41	—
5 Northern	1.33	3.97	1.2903	1.384	9.37	—
6 Northern	1.17	—	1.17	1.227	5.7	—
Feed	1.01	—	1.01	1.047	3.7	—
1 Northern Tough	1.58	4.22	1.5378	1.595	5.72	—
2 Northern Tough	1.53	4.17	1.4883	1.58	9.17	—
3 Northern Tough	1.47	4.11	1.4289	1.541	11.21	—
4 Tough	1.39	4.03	1.3497	1.458	10.83	—
5 Tough	1.22	—	1.22	1.295	7.5	—
6 Tough	1.11	—	1.11	1.12	1.0	—
Feed Tough	.94	—	.94	1.047	10.8	—
2 Northern Smutty	1.41	4.05	1.3695	1.529	15.95	—
4 Smutty	1.30	3.94	1.2606	1.226	—	3.46
3 Northern Damp	1.35	—	1.35	1.541	19.1	—
4 Damp	1.28	—	1.28	1.405	12.5	—
6 Damp	1.05	3.69	1.05	1.201	15.1	—
1 Northern Rejected	1.54	4.18	1.4982	1.486	—	1.22
3 Northern Rejected	1.43	4.07	1.3893	1.389	—	.03
4 Rejected	1.33	3.97	1.2903	1.323	3.27	—
5 Rejected	1.16	—	1.16	1.139	—	2.10
4 Tough Rejected	1.26	3.90	1.2210	1.234	1.30	—
4 Kota	1.22	—	1.22	1.606	38.6	—
2 Durum	1.49	4.13	1.4487	1.513	6.43	—
3 Durum	1.44	4.08	1.3992	1.546	14.68	—
4 Durum	1.40	4.04	1.3596	1.498	13.84	—
3 Durum Tough	1.39	4.03	1.3497	1.47	12.03	—
4 Durum Tough	1.32	3.96	1.2804	1.427	14.66	—

This comparative statement shows definitely that the non-pool grain, during the crop year 1924-25, averaged a much higher price than that received by the pool member, particularly on the lower grades of wheat, which comprised the bulk of the 1924-25 crop.

It must be pointed out that the average prices of the non-pool grain represent sales basis in store Fort William, whereas, besides using the usual channels of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange the pools had the advantage of direct export business with the European consumer.

It would appear from the U.F.A. issue of September 15, 1925, that the Alberta pool made a deduction from final payment of only 3 cents per bushel, thus realizing to the Alberta pool members 1 and a fraction cent per bushel more than the final payment figures as shown above.

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Russian Farmer Won His Battle

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IN a comprehensive article on the Position of Russian Agriculture, by an apparently well informed writer in the Economic Journal, for September, 1925, M. N. Teherkinsky, editor, International Review of Agricultural Economics, it is pointed out that the revolutionary government of Russia, after having rejected the high sounding idea of transforming life in all its forms according to socialistic theory, has gradually accommodated itself to actual facts, and is becoming more influenced by the capitalistic spirit. The 1921 statement of Lenin is quoted that "capitalism is a curse when compared with socialism, though capital is a blessing when compared with the economic system of the Middle Ages." This evolution in ideas, adds M. Teherkinsky, finds its counterpart in the progress of economic life.

In his conflict with the new government over his land the peasant won by using tactics of economic passive resistance rather than any more active attitude of political opposition. He reduced his sowings to the bare minimum required for the needs of his family and concealed his stores from the requisition agents. The result was chaos in the national economic life and almost entire cessation of interchange of products between town and country.

In the latter part of 1922, wiser counsels prevailed and the efforts of militant communism was replaced by the agrarian code, which, while preserving the principle of land nationalization, deals rather with the individual rural holding than with the collectivist undertaking managed on socialistic lines. The new land legislation, M. Teherkinsky points out, no longer places administrative difficulties in the way of the free choice of the forms of land tenure. The land is granted to all citizens to be worked, with the usual rights of succession. No one may receive a larger portion than he can bring under cultivation by the labor of his own family.

On April 25, 1925, the Council of the People's Commissaries of the U.S.S.R. published a decree giving the right to the peasants to lease their own land without any restriction for a period not exceeding 12 years. This larger extension of economic freedom will, it is believed, have the result of encouraging the lessor to make a bigger investment both in money and labor in his land, and should also allow the landless peasant to improve his own economic position during the period. This general setting, which indicates so much betterment over the situation three years ago,

suggests that with time the improved position of Russia may be realized.

This same authority tells of how the Russian farmers are in dire need of machinery and equipment to increase their output, and are unable to get credit. The financial resources of Russia are very limited. There are banks organized ready for business, but they lack the capital. It is estimated there are 20,000,000 farm undertakings, or in plain Canadian terms farms under operation, while the total available capital is between 100 and 150 million rubles, being only about half that value in dollars, the rubles being worth 51.5 cents gold.

M. Teherkinsky estimated the 1925 crop as somewhere near normal and the outlook for an export surplus of substantial volume.

The International Institute of Agriculture, in its bulletin for October, estimated the Russian wheat crop for 1925, at over 650,000,000 bushels, but includes in the statement that owing to bad weather serious injury had occurred to all Russian crops since August, amounting to 75,000,000 cents for all cereal crops. No suggestion was made as to the probable amount available for export. It would appear, however, from the upward movement of prices that the Russian bogey has been worked for about all it is worth his time. There is reason to believe from what is reported that when once the Russian railways are rebuilt and the harbors refitted for handling grain, that Russia will again become an important factor and competitor in the world grain markets. —J. A. A.

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To shorten the thermic fat,
And give me the oxygen bottle, Ma,
And look at the thermostat.
And if the electric oven is cold
Just turn it on half an ohm,
For I want to have supper ready
As soon as Dad comes home.
—Farm Journal.

The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, Man., November 27, 1925.

WHEAT—The rapid advance in wheat values during the past week may be credited to buying of large quantities of wheat futures on this market by export houses against acceptance abroad, and a generally strong situation the world over, based on reports of rapid deterioration of the Argentine crop on which British importers were leaning pretty heavily. Argentine markets have led the advance. North American markets moving sharply higher from time to time as British markets were affected. There has been some buying by speculators who have last year's condition in mind, and who see possibilities based on the U.S. shortage and Argentine partial failure. It is possible that the damage to their crop has been over estimated, in which case the advance may not hold.

OATS—Slow compared with wheat. Some trade passing all the time but competition with a fairly liberal crop of oats and corn in U.S. this year keeps market here fairly well in line with same varieties in the U.S.

BARLEY—Very indifferent demand and disappointing market. In view of advance in wheat we expected a firm market, with perhaps some fair export buying of top grades. This has not materialized as yet.

FLAX—Weak, with liberal offerings. Situation not considered good in view of large stocks in North and South America.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Nov. 23 to Nov. 28, inclusive.						Week Year		
	23	24	25	26	27	28	Ago	Ago
Wheat—								
Nov. 144	150	149	154	154	152	147	162	
Dec. 139	145	144	149	147	144	141	160	
May 141	147	147	152	150	146	143	166	
Oats—								
Nov. 46	47	46	47	47	47	47	57	
Dec. 44	44	44	46	45	45	44	58	
May 47	47	47	49	48	48	47	63	
Barley—								
Nov. 64	64	63	64	62	61	65	82	
Dec. 62	63	62	63	62	61	63	82	
May 64	65	65	67	65	64	66	88	
Flax—								
Nov. 228	228	225	228	226	225	229	234	
Dec. 224	226	226	228	225	225	226	232	
May 232	233	233	235	233	233	232	241	
Rye—								
Nov. 83	88	87	93	90	89	85	125	
Dec. 84	88	88	93	90	89	86	124	
May 99	93	93	98	96	95	91	132	

CASH WHEAT

Nov. 23 to Nov. 28, inclusive.

	Nov.	23	24	25	26	27	28	Week	Year
								Ago	Ago
1 N	144	154	150	155	154	152	147	163	
2 N	141	147	146	151	151	149	144	158	
3 N	135	144	144	149	148	146	140	152	
4	132	138	137	140	140	136	135	142	
5	120	126	125	126	126	119	123	135	
6	104	110	109	109	109	104	107	120	
Feed	94	100	99	99	99	94	97	98	

Record Grain Receipts

Threshing in the province of Alberta has been practically completed except in the territory west of Macleod—Edmonton line of the C.P.R. In that territory, and especially south of Red Deer, there still remains in different districts grain ranging from 5 to 15 per cent. to be threshed. For the whole province not more than 5 per cent. of the grain is still in stook. This is the information received by United Grain Growers Limited on Saturday last, from their Calgary office. Good threshing weather which has recently prevailed, has been responsible for a very heavy movement of grain from Alberta in the past two weeks. On Friday last, United Grain Growers Limited Winnipeg office received shipping bills for more cars of grain than on any previous day in the company's history, and more than three times as many as on the corresponding day of last year.

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool market closed November 27 as follows: December 4½d higher at 12s 5d; March, 4d higher at 12s per 100 lbs. Exchange, Canadian funds quoted ½c higher at \$1.81½. Worked out in bushels and Canadian currency, Liverpool close was: December, \$1.79½; March, \$1.73½.

MINNEAPOLIS CASH PRICES

Spring wheat—No. 1 dark northern, \$1.59 to \$1.79; No. 1 northern, \$1.59 to \$1.61; No. 2 dark northern, \$1.58 to \$1.76; No. 2 northern, \$1.56 to \$1.69; No. 3 dark northern, \$1.51 to \$1.73; No. 3 northern, \$1.51 to \$1.57. Montana, No. 1 dark hard, \$1.59 to \$1.61; No. 1 hard, \$1.58 to \$1.65. Minnesota and South Dakota No. 1 dark hard, \$1.58 to \$1.65; No. 1 hard, \$1.56 to \$1.63; No. 1 amber durum, \$1.35½ to \$1.43½; No. 1 durum, \$1.30½ to \$1.39½; No. 2 amber durum, \$1.31½ to \$1.44½; No. 2 durum, \$1.29½ to \$1.36½; No. 3 amber durum, \$1.28½ to \$1.41½; No. 3 durum, \$1.27½ to \$1.35½. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 62½c to 83½c. Oats, No. 3 white, 35½c to 36½c. Barley, 62c to 63c. Rye, No. 2, 88½c to 89½c. Flax, \$2.50½ to \$2.54½.

WINNIPEG LIVESTOCK

United Livestock Growers Limited report as follows for the week ending November 27, 1925:

Receipts this week: Cattle, 20,011; hogs,

10,973; sheep, 1,219. Last week: Cattle, 17,905; hogs, 8,467; sheep, 1,587.

In the history of these yards there has never been a season before when continued heavy runs have not had the effect of breaking prices. For the past eight weeks the average number of cattle coming on this market has been well over 20,000 per week, and prices have held up under the pressure exceedingly well, and at the time of writing can be quoted not only steady but quite strong. The packers and export buyers are quite anxious for well finished butcher and export cattle, while Eastern and Southern buyers have been quite keen on well-bred, breedy dehorned stocker and feeder steers. The common class of cattle are of course hard to move and the ever-widening spread in values between the higher and lower grades of cattle will no doubt eventually result in a great deal more attention being paid to improving the quality and breeding of cattle in Western Canada. While we dare not quote export steers at much over \$7.00 to \$7.50 for fear of misleading people; if the truth were known we can get from \$7.50 to \$7.75 and even as high as \$8.00 for real choice export animals. Choice butcher steers can be quoted up to \$6.50, medium qualities from \$4.50 to \$5.00. Prices on she stuff also show some strength this week; good butcher cows on the heifer order making up to \$4.75, medium qualities from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

The hog market during the past week has been a somewhat up-and-down one, the low spot being \$11. At time of writing, however, thick smooths are quoted at \$11.25, with a 10 per cent. premium over this price for select hogs. The run of sows is so light that both No. 1 and No. 2 grades are being weighed up at the same price. Practically no feeder hogs are coming forward and what few shop hogs there are are making thick smooth price.

In the sheep and lamb section, prices can be quoted a shade lower, top lambs making from \$10 to \$11, medium qualities \$8.50 to \$9.00; fair to good sheep from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

Shippers from Saskatchewan and Alberta should bring health certificates covering cattle shipments. This is very important.

The following summary shows the prevailing prices at present:

Choice expert steers	\$7.00 to \$7.50
Prime butcher steers	5.50 to 6.50
Good to choice steers	5.00 to 6.00
Medium to good steers	4.50 to 5.00
Common steers	2.50 to 3.00
Choice feeder steers, fleshy	4.75 to 5.50
Medium feeders	3.50 to 4.25
Common feeder steers	2.50 to 3.00
Good stocker steers	3.50 to 4.25
Medium stockers	3.00 to 3.50
Common stockers	2.00 to 2.25
Choice butcher heifers	4.75 to 5.50
Fair to good heifers	3.50 to 4.50
Medium heifers	3.00 to 3.50
Stock heifers	2.50 to 3.25
Choice butcher cows	3.75 to 4.50
Fair to good cows	3.00 to 4.00
Cutter cows	1.75 to 2.25
Bred stock cows	2.00 to 2.50
Canner cows	1.00 to 1.50
Choice springers	50.00 to 60.00
Common springers	20.00 to 25.00
Choice light veal calves	5.50 to 7.00
Choice heavy calves	3.50 to 4.50
Common calves	2.00 to 3.00
Heavy bull calves	2.50 to 3.00

SOUTH ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

Cattle—2,300. Market: All classes in moderate supply, firm at the week's advance. Bulk prices follow: Beef steers and yearlings, \$6.00 to \$7.75; cows and heifers, \$4.00 to \$6.00; canners and cutters, \$3.00 to \$3.50; bologna bulls, \$4.00 to \$4.50; feeder and stocker steers, \$5.50 to \$7.00. Calves—1,700. Market: Active, good lights largely \$9.00 to \$9.25. Hogs—9,000. Market: 25c to 30c higher. Top prices, \$11.40. Bulk prices follow: Butcher and bacon hogs, \$11.25 to \$11.35; packing sows, \$10.25; pigs, \$11.75. Sheep—3,000. Market: Fat lambs 25c to 50c higher, sheep strong, one double strictly choice 88 pounds fat lambs \$16.25. Bulk prices follow: Fat lambs, \$15.75; fat ewes, \$7.00 to \$8.00.

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur November 23 to November 28, inclusive

November 23 to November 28, inclusive													
Date	OATS					BARLEY				FLAX		RYE	
	2 CW	3 CW	Ex Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	3 CW	4 CW	Rej.	Fd.	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	2 CW
Nov. 23.....	50½	44½	43½	41½	39½	64	60	57½	54½	228½	224	213	83½
24.....	51	45	44½	42	40½	64½	60½	58	55	228½	224	213	88
25.....	50	43½	43½	41	39	63½	59½	57	54	225½	221½	210½	87½
26.....	51	44½	44½	42½	39	64	60	58½	55	228½	224½	213½	93½
27.....	51	44½	44½	42	39	62½	58	56	54	226½	222½	211	90
28.....	49	44½	44½	42	39	61	56	55	52	235½	221½	210	89
Week Ago.....	51	45½	44½	43	40	65½	61½	59	56	229½	225½	214½	85½
Year Ago.....	58½	54½	54½	52½	47	82½	77	72	69	232½	228	207	124

Morden Blazes New Trail

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the prairies and would be not only a valuable fruit in the garden, but a sound commercial investment as the market demands a considerable quantity which must now be imported.

The Plum Family

While the apple perhaps is the king of all fruits, man's appetite for fruit is not satisfied by apples alone. The plum orchards at Morden when laden with fruit make a mouth-watering picture. The big two-inch Waneta in its dark red skin is one of the finest plums grown in Canada and is quite hardy and a good bearer at Morden. Almost equal in quality and size is the Pembina, which has proven hardy pretty well all over Manitoba and

one giving fruit equal to the "sour" cherries Richmond and Montmorency of Ontario. By similar process of selection the quality of the Japanese cherry is improving and if it proves hardy will be a great addition in the form of a red cherry. There are no sweet black cherries being produced on the prairies, the best substitute being some of the sand cherry hybrids. The original small bitter sand cherry itself is improving wonderfully under cultivation and thousands of these seedlings are growing at Morden. The best of them are now producing fruit an inch in diameter with a comparatively small pit. The flavor is not equal to the Byng cherry, but nevertheless they are very good to eat raw and they cook up into excellent sauce. I believe that any prairie youngster would consider he had a real treat if he had one of the best of these sand cherry trees loaded with fruit in his father's garden.

Pears and peaches, apricots, etc., are not yet in the immediate range of prairie fruits, although a number of pear trees at Morden have withstood several winters and appear to be reasonably hardy. Some even bore abundant blooms during 1924 and 1925, but failed to fruit. It remains yet to be seen whether the fruit buds will prove as hardy as the trees.

Geographical Fruits

An interesting feature at the Morden station is the section laid out in geographical orchards. In one small orchard is found under test all the apples, plums, cherries, etc., which have originated in Minnesota. Another orchard is devoted to the Dakota productions and another to the introductions from Ottawa. Then there is a small orchard of the various native plums, sand cherries, choke cherries, pin cherries, bulberries which are being selected with the aim of securing improved quality. No doubt the native pin cherry in a few generations by selection would produce a very high-grade sour cherry that would be hardy all over the prairie. It is from our native fruits by selection and cross breeding that we shall get the quality fruits for prairie planting. This system can only be effective when it is carried on upon a large scale and some varieties require quite a number of years from the planting of the seed to the harvesting of the fruit, which means a considerable time between generations. The sand cherry, on the other hand, often produces its fruit when only two or three years from the seed and consequently its quality can be improved much more rapidly.

Small Fruits Flourish

In the smaller fruits a wide range of variety tests is being carried on. Currants are heavy producers, perfectly hardy and easy to grow. At Morden they think most highly of Perfection, Diploma and Prince Albert among the red currants, and Black Champion, Boskoop Giant, Kerry, Saunders and Topsy among the blacks. Black currants like cool moist weather best and are best planted north of some sort of shade. The white currants are not heavy yielders, the White Grape and White Imperial being the two varieties considered the best. Gooseberries are proving consistently heavy croppers at Morden and grow under the same cultural conditions as red currants. The Pearl, Downing and Carrie are recommended varieties of gooseberries.

Raspberries of many varieties do well at Morden and with ample cultivation have seldom suffered from drought, although Morden has a lighter moisture precipitation than has the central part of Manitoba. The greatest drawbacks in raspberry growing are the two diseases,



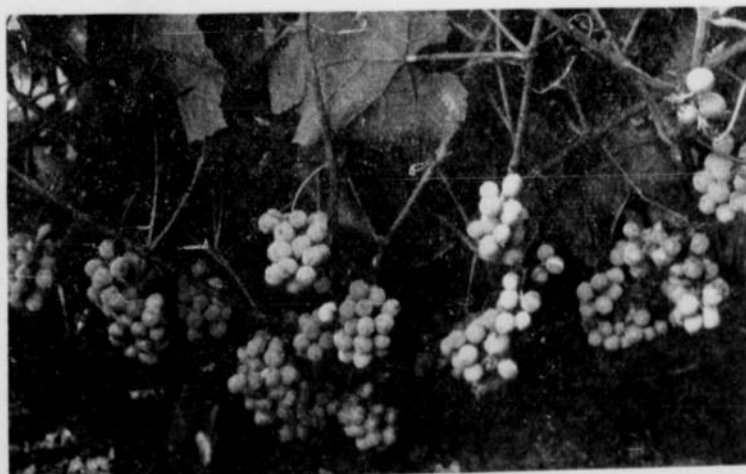
A brush pile is a necessary feature on a fruit-breeding farm. Every new creation which does not measure up to standard goes up in smoke, making room for another experiment.

almost everywhere that it has been tested. Quite a number of other plums of good quality are also proving hardy at Morden. A great deal of attention is being paid to the sand cherry hybrids, that is the fruits which have been produced by crossing the native sand cherry of Northern Manitoba with the sweet and tender plums of California and the other warmer parts of the United States. The sand cherry hybrids constitute perhaps the most important addition to our fruit list because the best of them, such as Sapa, Opata, Tom Thumb, Zumbra, Sansoto, etc., are not only of excellent quality, but very hardy and generally begin bearing fruit the year after they are planted. The writer in the summer of 1923 at Morden station picked 225 Tom Thumb cherries from a little bush which had been planted in the spring of 1922. That is typical of the sand cherry hybrids. They should be planted in thousands and tens of thousands all over these prairies.

The Chinese apricot hybrid plums, of which two of the best are Hanska and Kaga, are also distinctive fruits of high quality. They have a very strong and appealing bouquet, a bowlful scenting the whole dining-room. They will, if proven hardy on the prairies, generally be a unique variation in the fruit assets of the winter fruit closet.

Cherries Are Coming

In true cherries for the prairies less advance has been made than in the other tree fruits, but there is a great deal of promise in the tests being made of the Russian varieties, Shubianca, Vladimir and Bessorabian, as well as in the Japanese cherry known as prunus tomentosa. In fact, from the Vladimir seedlings of the third generation, planted by the late A.P. Stevenson, his son has already selected



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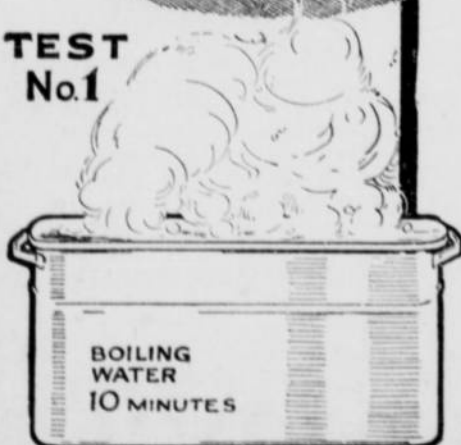
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mosaic and leaf curl, and the horticultural authorities of Manitoba are carrying on a vigorous campaign for their eradication. In Minnesota and Dakota similar campaigns are in progress. At the Morden station the following varieties of red raspberries have been recommended in the past: Newman 23, Latham, Herbert, Ohta. Latham, however, seems too susceptible to disease though an excellent fruit, and Ohta falls too quickly when ripe to be a commercial success. Of the black raspberries the Hilborn is the one which is regarded highly. Of the black berries, or old time "thinble" berries, the one exhibiting best promise is the native from the Rainy River country.

Three Months of Strawberries

Many varieties of strawberries are now being brought under test at the Morden station, but the records in most cases are not over a sufficient range of years to give definite results. Many varieties are hardy and fruitful, such as Dunlop, Burrill, Portia, Kellogg's Marvel and others of the summer-bearing varieties. Of the fall-bearing or everbearing varieties the Champion has given excellent results. Of 300 Champion plants set out in the spring of 1924 about 275 lived and bore fruit steadily through August September and October and the last picking of five quarts of good fruit was made on the first day of November last year. That was a regular banana belt record. This year the same little plot came into bearing early in the season and continued until freeze-up. The writer visited Morden one day in September last when 40 quarts of fine fruit was taken off the little Champion patch. William Godfrey, the capable head gardener, was looking over the freshly gathered fruit and remarked, "I never thought much of everbearing strawberries before, but I guess I'll have to change my mind now. These Champions produce great fruit." These strawberries were grown without fertilization and without irrigation, which is a promise for similar results over a wide area.

Most people scoff at the idea that good grapes will ever be grown upon the prairies, but he who scoffs at the possibilities of our horticulture merely displays a shortage of information. Morden has a most interesting variety test of grapes. The Manitoba native grape bears a good jelly fruit, makes a good climbing vine for the porch and is hardy in the open everywhere. The native white grape from North Dakota is practically as hardy. The Hungarian, Alpha and Beta, hybrids of the natives, were set out in 1921, began bearing the next year and have been bearing ever since. The first two require winter mulching, but the Beta requires no protection at Morden. The Hungarian is a large purple grape of fairly good eating quality and makes excellent jelly and grape juice. Over 20 other varieties have been planted in the past three years, including Niagara, Concord, Champion and Pearl of Csaba and some of the new productions of the famous fruit breeder, Prof. N. E. Hansen, of South Dakota. In his annual report for 1923, Mr. Leslie says: "There is no reason why all productive, well sheltered home gardens on the southern Canadian prairies cannot grow a supply of good grapes for cooking purposes." Mr. Leslie is conservative, as every scientist should be, and when he says that in 1923 it means considerable for grape growing in the next few years.

Manitoba Melons

Many variety tests of tomatoes, asparagus, peppers, egg plants, beans, peas, corn, etc., are carried on and the results recorded in the annual report which contains valuable information on a wide range of horticultural subjects. The melon patch of about an acre proved of great interest to visitors. From seed planted in the open in late May there were probably 20 or more varieties of melons, most of which ripened before frost. For choice in the matter of quality the Milwaukee Market and the Oka stand very high, with Hearts of Gold pretty nearly in the same class. Golden Champlain and Early Hackensack ripened earliest, both being of good quality. There seems no reason why we can't have our own canteloupes and melons in normal years on the prairie wherever there is shelter from the wind.

Mr. Leslie says that his numerous visitors are all greatly interested in the rhubarb patch, where about a dozen or more varieties are growing side by side. The great big red stalks of the new Macdonald rhubarb always attract first attention, being superior to all the old varieties. The smaller but richer stalks of the Ruby also have a strong appeal. A



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Climbing Vines and Roses

When one starts to describe the Morden station space limitations prevent justice being done. There is so much to describe and so little space in which to describe it. The pergola, built of native oak around which climbing vines of the native clematis, wild grape, Virginia creeper, bitter sweet, wild hops, native honeysuckle and climbing rose are growing, will be a beautiful thing in a couple of years. The rose garden, planted in the spring of 1924 with 100 varieties of hybrid perpetual, hybrid tea, moss, spinosissima, rugosa and the Grootendorst hybrids, stops all lovers of roses. They went through last winter with very little protection, some without any. Mr. Leslie says there is quite a wide range of splendid roses that are hardy in our prairie climate. The 12-acre prairie arboretum of trees and shrubs will also yield valuable information in years to come.

A long perennial border was started two years ago. It is as yet only partly planted, but will have 500 varieties. Even with its present planting, however, it is a very attractive break in the landscape on the farm and indicates the wide range of perennial flowers and shrubs that withstand our most severe winters. In flowers there is a special garden for gladioli and another for dahlias, phlox and iris, with an abundance of delphinium, dianthus, sweet william and others without end.

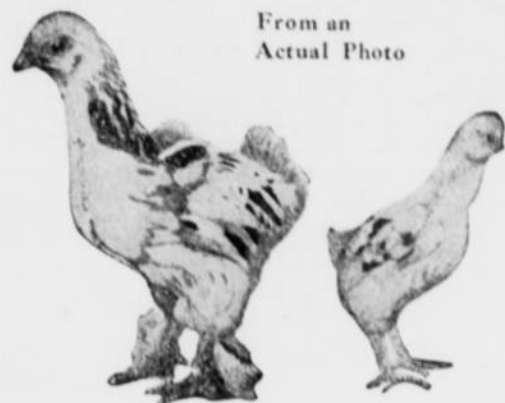
Mention should be made of at least two or three surprising tests. Commercial varieties of tobacco have produced a leaf which is thought highly of by the tobacco division at Ottawa and further tests are being made with the thought that tobacco might become a commercial crop in Southern Manitoba. Sweet potatoes ripen easily and the writer found them equal in flavor to the imported varieties from the



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South, but rather softer in texture, probably due to not being treated as the Southern sweet potatoes are treated by a slight preliminary baking which gives them a better keeping quality. Quite a beginning is being made in the plant-breeding work under Mr. Leslie's direction, the aim being to secure new varieties of apples, plums and cherries which will be improvements in hardiness and quality over those that are now available.

While a great deal has already been done for prairie horticulture at the Morden station, it is only an indication of what the future has in store. Hundreds and probably thousands of varieties of fruits, trees, shrubs and flowers are under test of which nothing can yet be said with authority, but year by year facts will be broadcasted as they become known. The system of recording results seems quite thorough. In personnel the station is fortunate in having a practical man as well as an enthusiast in its superintendent and on the staff men of wide experience

in gardening, both in England and Canada, such as the foreman, W. J. Wills, and the head gardener, William Godfrey. Much valuable work has been done by Mrs. Leslie in testing new fruits and vegetables in the kitchen, where, after all, the final test must frequently be applied. Mrs. Leslie is a graduate in Household Science of the Manitoba Agricultural College and a culinary expert of the first order. Her kitchen at Morden is an important experiment station in itself and her fruit closet contains jars by the hundreds of fruits and vegetables canned for future testing. She could add a few chapters to the annual report of the station that would supplement the work of the outdoor experts and be of great value to prairie housewives.

Considering the great range of valuable work being done in horticulture at Morden it would seem that its greatest benefit to the prairie would come from devoting practically the entire station to horticultural effort, or at least of expanding

by the acquisition of further land so as to make those widespread experiments and exhaustive tests which are so peculiarly necessary in this line of work. Further, if the Dominion government would devote the Rosthern experiment station to horticulture also, in conjunction with and under the direction of Morden, these two stations should in a comparatively few years provide a range of fruit that would be hardy in every corner of the prairies. Another wise provision would be the extension of the annual report of the horticultural station at Morden so that it might become a horticultural handbook for use on the prairie and a text book for the student.

This article of necessity has passed over much important work being done at the Morden station, but it is an attempt to give some idea of the principal plans and results secured. Any person who can afford the time will be well repaid by a visit to the Morden station in August or September.

Open Places

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Slowly Mackenzie walked to where his horse impatiently pawed the frozen ground. Poor little Jeanie! It would be hard to break it to her that he must say good-bye again. Riding in the direction of the post trader's house where Jeanie was to stay with Mrs. Haly, Duncan glanced toward the nest he had prepared for his mate and was surprised to see smoke coming out of the chimney of the little cabin. Before he reached the snow-covered front steps, the door opened and Jeanie ran out. Her trembling delight made it all the harder for Duncan to tell her he must leave her.

"But you can have just one little bite with me first? Please, Duncan! I have had coffee waiting since before seven o'clock, and I've made a—you can guess what—but you must come

inside and smell it. I know you have to go, but you must eat somewhere, and if the inspector says a word, I'll talk to him." Knowing her power over the grim old man, Jeanie laughed gleefully.

Duncan hesitated only an instant. Then he gathered his little bride into his arms and carried her indoors.

Paradise! His home and hers! The simple hominess of the little nest they had feathered with such happy planning, the embracing warmth that reached out from the fireplace where purple flames ran out their gold-tipped tongues to lap the frosty air, made Duncan waver. But duty, that stern monitor of the frozen North, even now stood at his elbow. "If M'Donnall finds you've stopped to say good-bye!" it warned; still he whipped off his heavy coat. "Ten minutes of heaven, sweetheart," he temporized, "then I must

ride like mad to make up." Jeanie, true daughter of the Shylock land that is ever exacting its toll of flesh, was more than satisfied to have ten minutes in which to serve her man the wonderful pie she had just made out of canned apples.

"Jeanie, lassie, you won't stay here alone?" Duncan urged. "I may be away for a week. I've got to bring back my man, or—but I will bring him back! M'Donnall is sure to promote me if I am successful. He's fond of you, Jeanie, and he has given me this assignment as much to prove that I can make good, as to punish me for letting that whiskey-runner escape. So I musn't leave a stone unturned. But I don't want to think of you here alone."

"I won't be alone, dear. Mrs. Haly will come over here to sleep. But do let me stay here in the daytime! It's hard enough to have you gone without

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having to leave our home, too. And old Poleon who does the chores will be around when Mrs. Haly goes. So don't worry about me, only get back as soon as you can."

"As if she had to tell me that!" marvelled Duncan to the dancing flames. "It's tearing my heart out to leave you, my wife!" There was such tenderness in the low-breathed name that the little bride's eyes filled with sudden tears. She stood on tip-toe for Duncan's farewell kisses, and watched him until he was out of sight.

Three days of dogged search and questioning failed to bring any reward. Discouraged and heartsick with longing to return to Jeanie, Duncan was taking an early bite at a cabin in the Bijou Hills, when he became aware that Beaupre, his host, was entertaining another traveller with a story of some recent occurrence.

"And he tell in one minute lil' Baptiste stopped the yell. Thees man, I dunno, mus' have big medicine, he can fix lak dat a crack arm."

"Who's this, Beaupre?" demanded Duncan. "What man are you talking about?"

"That I dunno, M'sieu Mackenzie; thees I tell my frien' here, he is happen to Labelle las' week one day. He is so small chil', the lil' Baptiste, he fell on ice and mak crack his arm. Labelle an' his ol' squaw can no mak the chil' stop the hollers; he yell like anytheeng. Labelle he been crazy; the snow she fall; the doctaire he no come twell nex' week."

"Then come a knock on the door. Labelle say he mak door only ver' small crack open, thees man have such a look, Labelle think he been crazy. He ask for way to some place, then ask sharp, 'Who mak the holler?' Labelle say, 'The lil' Baptiste,' and this man he shove Labelle like anything, and mak hurry in. Old Natasha want scratch out thees man's eyes when he tak lil' Baptiste by arm, and mak it go crack! But he mak boss them bot' round. 'Get hot water,' he say. 'Get clean board and rags,' and quick lik' dat—say Labelle—the lil' Baptiste stop the yells. He say, too, the man give some kin' white medicine, that mak Baptiste go to sleep. When Baptiste has lak wood fence all roun' his arm, the man he go queek; no stay to eat. And it is dark and the snow she—"

But here, Duncan, who had listened breathlessly to the long, rambling account, eagerly demanded, "This man, Beaupre, think hard now, before you answer, where was he going? Think! What was the place he asked Labelle to direct him to?" His heart stood still for the reply.

"Where he want go? That I not know, m'sieu." Then, even as Duncan's hopes fell, the heavy face lighted up. "Yes, now I think, thees man he ask Labelle which way to get to Montana Ed's." Before the last word was out, Duncan had jumped to his feet, was into his coat and pulling his cap about his ears.

The bewildered Beaupre was left with a handful of coins, while Duncan rapidly saddled his mount and headed for home. For Labelle lived only a little way from headquarters and his own place. From the story he had gleaned his first clue. The stranger had evidently stopped at Labelle's on his way to Ed's Palace on that fatal night.

CHAPTER III

Meanwhile Jeanie had an adventure. Tiring of rearranging the spotless little house, she mounted her horse and went for a ride. On his way home she saw little Baptiste Labelle, his arm in a sling, crying and trying vainly to release a tiny rabbit caught in a trap. Jeanie ran to his assistance, and together they freed the little sufferer. Then Jeanie, leading her horse, carried the rabbit, Baptiste clinging to her arm, and thus they arrived at the cabin of Labelle.

As they rounded the corner, Jeanie was startled to see a man, gaunt and white, apparently just recovered from an illness, sunning himself on a bench. The man sprang to his feet at sight of the pair, fear and suspicion in his attitude. But little Baptiste ran straight to him, holding up the rabbit and demanding that he "fix it."



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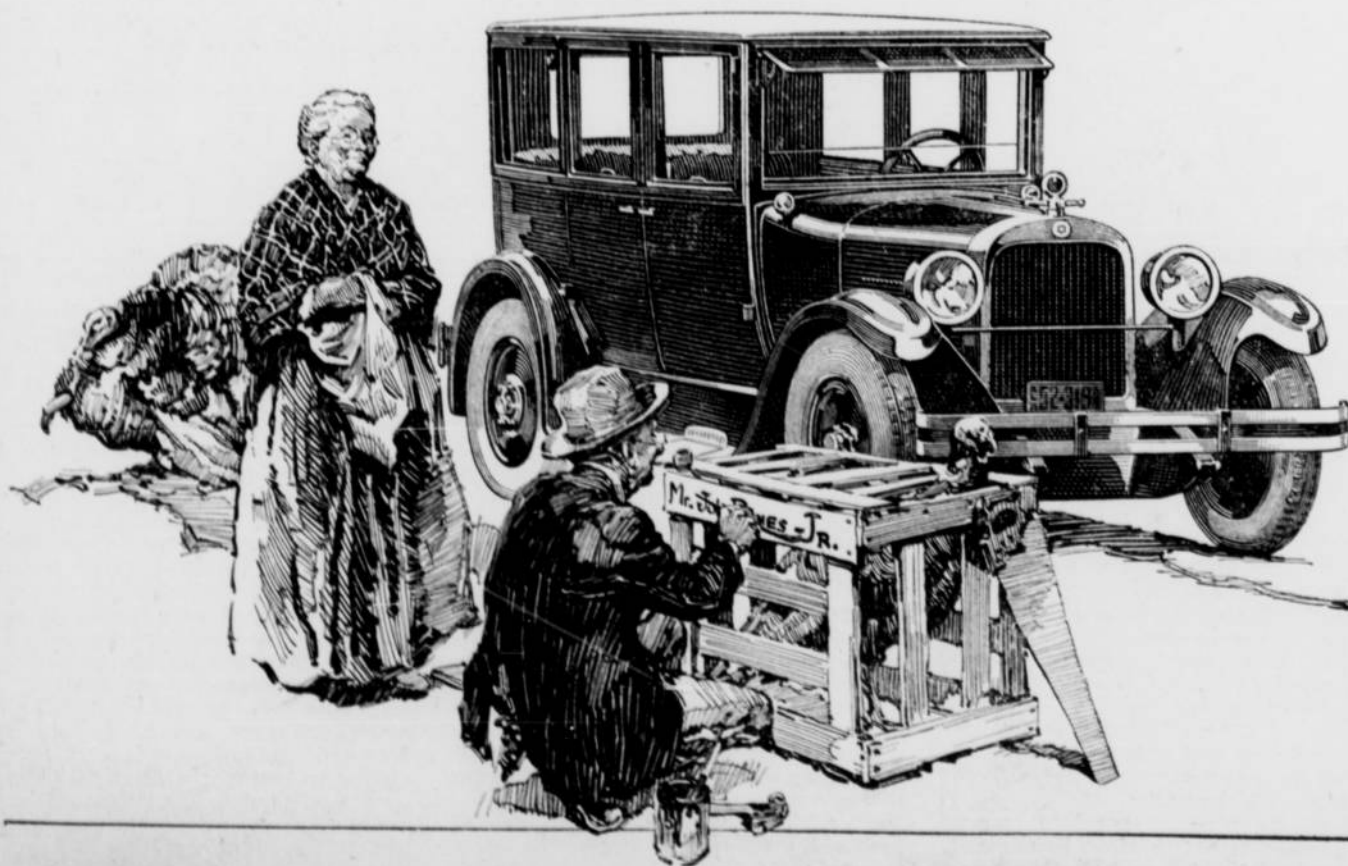
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Jeanie advanced timidly. "I was afraid to let little Baptiste carry the rabbit," she explained, "so I came back with him." The man smiled. "I was half asleep and the child startled me," he said. He told the child to get him some thin pieces of wood and he quickly set about splintering the rabbit's leg. "You are a doctor?" Jeanie ventured.

The man shot a quick look at her, but the girlish face was without guile. "I have practiced surgery, and once I had a good medical practice," he replied. "I lost my way just now. So I asked Labelle here to put me up."

Jeanie's eyes were following the man's deft fingers admiringly. Little Baptiste was leaning against the man's knee.

"You are fond of children and animals, aren't you?" Jeanie asked. The sympathy and liking in the soft voice gave the man a strange thrill.

Impulsively he took from his pocket a photograph of a little boy. As Jeanie gazed with a friendly interest, the man turned it so that she could read the inscription on the back, and to his own amazement found himself telling his story of a loved wife, a successful practice as a physician, a baby and a false friend. He described the black days and nights when a baby's voice called vainly, "mother." Practice, friends, money—all were gone. After baby's death there had seemed nothing to live for.

"Let me be your friend," Jeanie begged. But the man gave a start and stared strangely at her. His voice all at once grew harsh, and a crafty look came into his eyes. Catching the girl by the shoulder he thrust his face close to hers.

"I've been a fool, a crazy fool, to talk this way," he said, hoarsely. "Swear that you will never breathe a word of my story! Swear it!"

"I swear it!" Jeanie cried. She was frightened, but pluckily she held out her hand. The man was muttering incoherent words. He made no effort to detain her as she mounted her horse and rode off to her cabin.

For the hundredth time that night Jeanie went to the window, to find that the dark had shut out everything. But suddenly she heard the creak of hoofs on the frozen snow. She flung open the door and there was Duncan frost on his long lashes, his breath making a wreath of vapor about his head. After the first greetings were over, he parried her questions, unwilling to tell her that he must leave her as soon as the meal was finished.

"I rode to Labelle's cabin," Jeanie began in answer to his question. "And oh, Duncan, there was a rabbit caught in a trap—" She paused as she recalled her promise to the stranger.

At the mention of Labelle, Duncan halted the fork on the way to his mouth. "Labelle's cabin? Was there anyone there?" The suddenness of the question threw the girl into confusion.

"Why, yes, that is, no. I mean—you see I found little Baptiste in the woods and he had found a crippled rabbit—"

Impatiently Duncan broke in: "Who was there? Did you see Labelle or anyone else?"

"Why, yes," the girl replied slowly, her innate truthfulness struggling against her desire to keep her pledged word. "Yes, there was a man there, a very kind man. He set the rabbit's foot."

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But Duncan interrupted with a start. "Set the rabbit's foot? Girlie, you will have a share in my promotion! Why, he's my man!"

Jeanie, alarmed, caught his arm as he sprang to his feet and started for his coat. "Duncan, I don't understand. What man?"

"Why, the man I am after, the man who killed Montana Ed and the La Mont woman. I heard he'd been at Labelle's, but I had no idea he would return there."

Jeanie stared at him, and caught his arm again. "You are mistaken," she cried. "This man could not be a murderer."

For answer Duncan laughed as he kissed her joyously. "Don't be foolish, little wife. I know it's my man, and I can't waste a second. He may even now be getting away."

To his amazement she darted to the

door and barred his way. "Please, Duncan, don't go! I promised not to tell, but he is good; please believe it. And I'm sure he did not kill anyone; he couldn't. He loves children."

But Duncan, bewildered and for the first time out of patience with his girl wife, stopped the eager words with a hurried kiss. "He's my man, girl, and I must get him," he said.

The girl's face set into accustomed hard lines. For a brief second she stood, then the sound of a galloping horse brought her to the window. Duncan was on his way to the post to exchange his jaded mount for a fresh one in ease his enquiries at Labelle's should lead him out on a long trail.

"Fool! fool! It's all my fault," the girl wailed. "He will be caught and hung, the man who carries his dead baby's picture next to his heart. And he will think I told."

A sudden thought came and with it a quick decision. Snatching up her heavy mackinaw and cap, she too, ran from the house and saddled her horse.

Labelle, first making sure that there was no one in sight, had just signalled the stranger he could start safely on his journey, when Jeanie strode up by a short cut to Labelle's cabin. Labelle sought the knife he always carried at his hip, but the other man caught his hipband. The girl slipped from her horse and breathlessly explained her unintentional betrayal, concluding: "So you must go right away. You believe me, don't you, that I didn't mean to tell?"

For reply, the man lifted the end of the woolen scarf that hung over the girl's shoulder and touched it reverently with her lips. At that instant there came muffled hoof beats. Out of the dark loomed a familiar form. Jeanie shrank back with a little cry.



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"Ah, the wife of the Red Coat, she keep you talking, so her husband can arrest you!" Labelle exclaimed. He turned savagely on Jeanie, but the blank consternation on the girl's face convinced him that her warning was well meant.

The reproach and hurt as Duncan breathed, "Jeanie!" struck the sensitive girl like a lash.

"You are my prisoner," Duncan added to the man, who had made no move. To Labelle, he added, sternly, "you will answer later for trying to aid this criminal to escape." Then, to his wife, who stood with averted head, he said gently, "Go home, Jeanie. I must take my prisoner to the post." Without a word or look the girl obeyed.

Duncan disarmed his prisoner, Labelle sullenly watching, then started with him for headquarters. Labelle stood for a second, deep in thought, then, his lips set, he ran into the cabin and caught up his hunting rifle. Soon he was lost in the forest.

CHAPTER IV

Remorse rode back along the lonely road with Jeanie. Duncan would never forgive her! What had possessed her

to interfere with her man's duty? She would despise him if he had failed to keep the oath he had sworn, yet she had done her best to prevent him.

So it was a very subdued and downcast Jeanie to whom old Mrs. Haly opened the door. "Saints above, but you've given me the scare, child! Where have ye been this hour?"

"I, oh, don't ask me, please," the girl wailed. "And don't stay here, dear Mrs. Haly. Duncan has come home. He must report at the post and then he'll be back here."

After many protestations the woman finally consented to leave the girl, and Jeanie was free to relieve her feelings in tears.

Meanwhile, Duncan was walking his horse, his prisoner trudging on ahead. They reached a sheltered spot, when suddenly Duncan received a stunning blow on the back of his head. Without a groan he dropped from his horse and lay motionless in the snow.

So silent and sure had been the attack that the prisoner walked on until a low hiss behind him caused him to turn his head. There stood Labelle, his upraised rifle held ready for another blow should the constable show signs of returning consciousness. Duncan's horse

had darted to one side and disappeared in the woods. The prisoner ran back and caught Labelle's arm.

The other thrust the rifle into his hand. "Queek! Go, m'sieu," he implored. "Any time red coat he may wake up."

"But, man! She will think I did this, that this is how I appreciate her kindness!" the prisoner cried, and he started to lift Duncan to his feet.

"Don't mak fool yourself," angrily hissed Labelle. "This Labelle do for you, for the cause you mak the lil' Baptiste's arm stop hurt. Labelle he nevaire forget. Go, queek, m'sieu."

For a second the other wavered, then the urge of self-preservation conquered, and wringing the hand of his deliverer, the man struck into the brush.

With a last contemptuous glance at the figure in the snow, Labelle turned his face homeward.

The little clock over the fireplace had ticked off three hours when Jeanie heard the sound of stumbling steps outside. She ran to the door, and Duncan staggered in.

For days he tossed and muttered in delirium. Every moment was a torture and reproach to the heart-sick bride. When at last he was convalescent and

able to resume his duties, the silent aloofness of M'Donnall told him more plainly than words that the inspector was refraining from a recommendation for discharge only because of his affection for Jeanie.

Duncan uttered not a word of reproach. Her husband's forbearance hurt her more than torrents of recrimination. Then one day she heard that a post was being established farther north. The brave little wife, with some half-formed idea of pennance, went herself to the inspector and begged that Duncan be allowed to go there, to get away from his bitter thoughts and to be given a chance to begin all over again.

M'Donnall considered the matter. "You would be lonely without your man, lassie," he said gently.

"Oh, I'd go with him," she cried. Then, as she foresaw the inspector's objections, she exerted her full powers of argument until at last M'Donnall agreed to her plan.

Sergeant Brookfield and Constable Marsh were the only other members of the official family in the rough log cabin, set down like a child's toy in the midst of trackless desolation. A stolid squaw met Jeanie and Constable Mackenzie at the door. Bravely Jeanie set about making a livable place out of the lonely spot, and her reward came when Duncan began to whistle and hum old tunes, as he had done before the episode that had come so near wrecking their new-made happiness.

Then came a day when Jeanie needed medical aid. In this lonely place, with three men and an ignorant squaw, she was facing woman's greatest test of courage. The squaw fell ill and Duncan realized that he must get help and get it quickly.

To add to all the other difficulties the snow began to fall in fine, stinging particles, with a promise of shutting them off completely from the outside world.

"I'll go to Miner's rest and send Mrs. Corcoran here. Be brave, dear heart, for there's a chance of catching Dr. Jamison there. If not, I'll get a fresh horse and I can make the ten miles to his place in short order. How selfish I was to let you come to this frozen place, knowing what you were facing!"

But here Jeanie's fingers stopped the remorseful words. "Don't say that, dear! It is happiness for me to feel I am atoning."

But it was Duncan's turn to refuse to listen. With a choking sob he held her close, then, not daring to look back, he rushed through the smoky kitchen where Marsh was attempting to concoct an appetizing meal from his meagre stores. In the shed Sergeant Brookfield was holding his horse saddled for the trip to Miner's Rest.

At the little room at Miner's Rest "Peg-Leg" Corcoran hobbled forward to greet Constable Mackenzie. As all eyes were on the guardian of the law, no one saw the quick look of fear that flashed into the eyes of a clean-shaven man standing by the stove.

"Blame it, I'm sorry, Mackenzie, but my wife's down to her sister's in Medicine Lodge; been there a week," Corcoran said, as Mackenzie explained his errand. "There ain't a chance of her comin' back short of a fortnight." In reply to Duncan's question, he addressed the little company: "Where was it Doc. Jamison said he was going?"

"Over to Bedell's mine," someone volunteered. "Said there'd been an explosion. Left about ten o'clock. He won't be back tonight."

The clean-shaven man, watching from under lowered lids, saw the young constable's face change. "What shall I do, Corcoran?" Mackenzie asked. "She's there alone with Brookfield and Marsh. I've got to find a woman."

Corcoran's eyes lighted. "Why, ride down to the forks and turn to the left, and it's only a short six miles to the old Morley place. There's a fellow there that's got a wife and three kids." Duncan did not wait longer than to utter a hurried word of thanks and dart to the door. There he turned and added, "If Jamison should come back, tell him to ride over to the post and lose no time."

No one paid any heed as the man in



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the corner quietly slipped out of a side door. For one moment, having arrived afoot, he stood contemplating the horses, blanketed in the shed at the back of the house. Then he made a careful selection, and even as Duncan strained toward the new settler's cabin, the clean-shaven one, a wry little smile quirked his lips at the freaks fate plays on mortals, was spurring his horse toward the lone log cabin where a frail woman was face to face with a woman's supreme trial.

CHAPTER V

Light shone from the Morley cabin as Duncan dismounted and ran up to the door.

A tousled man with a fretful baby in his arms opened the door on a crack, regarding the intruder with a scowl. In a chair before the fireplace, propped up with pillows, sat a woman who rolled feverish eyes toward the door.

"You're not sick, are you?" broke from the frenzied Duncan's lips.

For the first time the man spoke in a dull, bitter tone. "Sick? Oh, no; she ain't sick. She's just got small pox, that's all."

At Duncan's involuntary start and retreat the man grinned.

"Tain't so bad, constable. She's past the danger mark, Doc. says. Funny they didn't tell you. Oh, you stopped at Coreoran's. Well, he didn't know, I guess. Come to think, Doc. said he wasn't publishin' the news. But what did you want, anyhow?"

In a few words Duncan explained the situation, leaving even while the man and his wife were bemoaning their inability to help.

Brookfield and Marsh were at their wits' end as the hours dragged by and there was no sign of Duncan's return.

Jeanie, after refusing Marsh's attempt at an appetizing meal, had gone into her room, and the silence that ensued, punctured now and then by low moans, set the two men to nervously rattling dishes and pacing up and down, for the first time in their lives brought face to face with their own helplessness. Then steps sounded outside.

The open door revealed a snow-covered figure. "I am a doctor sent ahead by Constable Mackenzie," the stranger said. "Take me to the patient." To Brookfield's query as to Duncan's whereabouts, the doctor explained that he had gone to find a nurse.

Meanwhile Duncan's horse had slipped somewhere on the trail, and the distracted man was forced to walk. Stumbling and panting, he broke into a heart-breaking run. At that dark hour before the day wakens, that hour when so many souls set forth for the Great Unknown, he came at last to the door of his own quarters.

The faint light that shone from the kitchen window seemed a pointing finger. If the shadow that was brooding over Jeanie had closed down, if his wife—but he refused to think further. His shaking hand found the door knob; he opened the door and entered.

Deserted! A sudden frenzy of rage shook him. Had the men he trusted left her alone? He opened his lips to call and a fear of his own voice seized him. He strained his ears; not a sound! With wide, terrified eyes he started across the room.

Suddenly the bedroom door opened and there stood a man, a shabby, gaunt man, his sleeves rolled up, his face pale, his eyes circled by black rings. Duncan stared. Could he be going mad? In spite of the clean-shaven jaw, he knew he was facing his man, the murderer of Montana Ed and Sadie La-Mont!

Still staring, Duncan's ears were greeted with a feeble cry that came from a small bundle in the man's arm. Then he heard a faint voice, and forgetting everything else in relief at the sound, he pushed by the man at the door, and the next moment was on his knees beside his wife's bed.

"Duncan," Jeanie said, very softly; "he was so wonderful! I had almost given up, dear. I fought so hard, and then he came. He saved me. He saved your son." Duncan's eyes rested on the man standing there with the wriggling little bundle on his arm.

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shake his hand," she said slowly. As Duncan flinched at the words, the eyes of the stranger narrowed, with just a flash of warning. Duncan glanced down at the fever spots on his wife's cheeks, and the next second he was grasping the man's hand with a mighty grip.

Through the long day and night the doctor, snatching only a moment's rest, took care of the mother who was traveling far into the Valley of the Shadow. And through a day Duncan would remember as long as he lived, he fought his fight alone. On one side were grim duty, his vow, his honor. On the other, the greatest debt of gratitude one man could owe another.

Toward dawn of the third day Jeanie opened her eyes to find Duncan seated beside her bed. Too worn with fever to speak, Jeanie lay watching him. Slowly she became aware that he was clothed in unfamiliar garments. A wrinkled flannel shirt and baggy trou-

sers had taken the place of the smart mounted trooper's uniform.

"The doctor was ill," Duncan said in answer to her puzzled gaze. "You see, darling, he had given you all his own medicine, and he needed some himself. There was nothing to be had here, so I told him he ought to go. He will not come back. He said you were out of danger."

"Duncan! You have let him go!" Relief and amazement struggled in her tones.

Duncan's hand slowly clenched; his jaw was set. "God alone knows whether I have done right. But, Jeanie, I could not take him to his death when he had saved your life! But I cannot wear the uniform."

With a little cry Jeanie drew his head close to her own. "I am glad," she breathed joyfully.

As she spoke the door opened, and the two looked up to see the man they

hoped would be, by now, far on his way to liberty.

"I could not go," he said grimly. "I knew I could not safely leave her and your child."

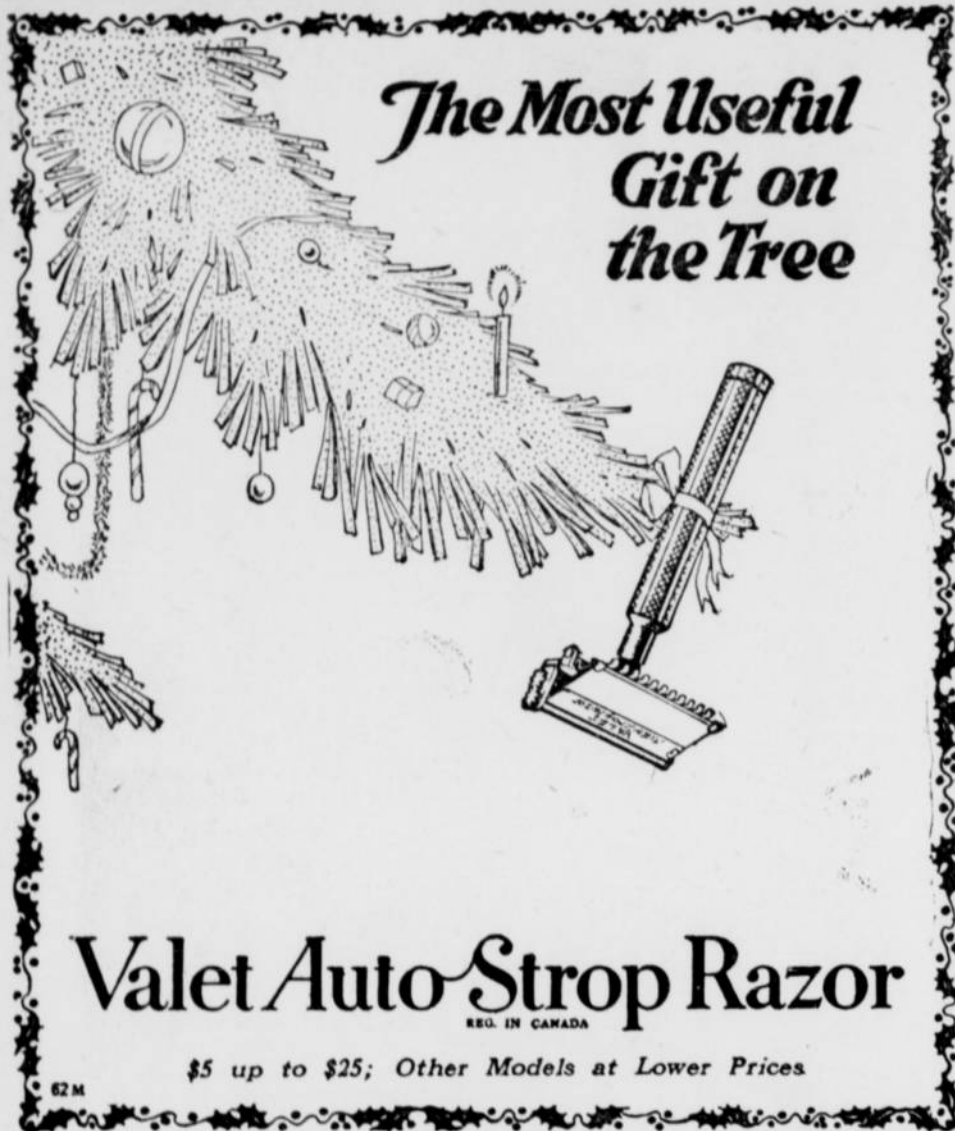
At a confusion of voices in the kitchen, Duncan's cheek paled. Jeanie turned frightened, questioning eyes to the doctor.

"It is Inspector M'Donnall!" Duncan cried. "You must go! Here," seizing the other's arm, "Get out of the window and take my horse."

There was a knock at the door. Brookfield was calling for Duncan. "Go, for God's sake, man," urged the harried Mackenzie. Jeanie was trembling. Laying a gentle hand on her arm, the doctor said soothingly, "You must be quiet, little mother, for your baby's sake."

Then he added, in a voiced vibrant with emotion: "You two have helped me to forget my own suffering. You shall

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Turning to Jeanie he took from his pocket a faded photograph. "Will you keep this for me?" he said. "It is my boy's picture." Then he motioned to Duncan to follow him.

Duncan heard Brookfield introducing the inspector to "Doctor Steele." "He pulled Mrs. Mackenzie through when all thought she was gone," Brookfield said. He saw the hand extended by the inspector, and he noticed that the doctor was making as if he had not seen it. Then he heard Steele say: "May I see you a few moments alone, Inspector? Just you and Mackenzie and myself?"

As the door closed behind them, Steele unfolded his arms which he had kept crossed, and to Duncan's amazement he saw that the man's hands were manacled. Steele was wearing his own handcuffs, purloined from his discarded uniform!

"Mackenzie, here, ran me down, Inspector," Steele said. "But he's been good enough to let the other men think I am here as Mrs. Mackenzie's physician. I pulled her through all right, and I'd like to ask that you get me away, without those other chaps knowing."

In bewilderment Duncan listened to him. Then came a flash of comprehension, and, disregarding the warning in the other man's eyes, he lifted a hand in protest.

Jeanie, straining her ears, heard her husband's words. "Doctor Steele, knowing he was walking into the shadow of the gallows, came here through the night and the storm, and saved the life of my wife and my boy. I have broken my oath as one of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, for this morning I gave him food and money and told him to escape. Wait"—as the inspector was about to speak—"I have taken off my uniform, and I hereby resign from the Force."

Three times the inspector started to speak, his words choking him. From the adjoining room, a thin, high wail shrilled out, and then could be heard Jeanie's soothing tones. M'Donnall glanced towards the bedroom, then he spoke. His words came with a snap like frost on iron.

"Get into your uniform, Mackenzie. Ye can't, ye shall na disregard yer duty this way! Quick! Quick!" with rising anger as Duncan did not move, and at the curt salute Duncan found his hand mechanically snapping to his head as he walked from the room in a daze.

At M'Donnall's command to the doctor, the doctor stared in mute bewilderment. "Ye will stay here with yer patient," he said.

Jeanie held out trembling hands of welcome as the inspector walked into her room.

"Gie me yer Bible, and a bit o' paper, lassie. I ha'e a word for yer man," he said.

As he was slipping on the uniform of the Northwest Mounted, Duncan stopped, rebellion seizing him. But the long habit of obedience was hard to break.

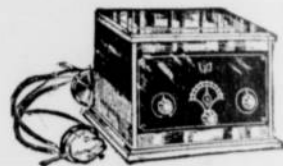
He went into the kitchen just as the door was slamming shut and caught a glimpse of M'Donnall mounting his horse. Steele stood gazing in puzzled fashion through the window. Then came Jeanie's voice. Duncan ran to her; without a word she handed him her little Bible, with a line heavily underscored.

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." She pressed into his hand a hastily scrawled line.

"Bullet that killed Sadie La Mont fired by Montana Ed. Shot that killed Montana Ed fired by Steele in self-defence. Keep Steele with you till wife is strong, then come back to the post. I need you there to take the place of Sergeant Mallory, resigned. Signed, M'Donnall." Duncan returned to the kitchen, and without a word handed the paper to Steele. Far in the distance rode the stocky figure of the inspector.

M'Donnall was a dour man and God-fearing, his every act justifiable by a verse from the Book of Books. As he rode, with the pale winter sunshine filtering through the bare trees, it seemed to Duncan Mackenzie that with

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